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# No Talk, No Balk, Just Salk

The Anti Polio vaccinations, in Wilmington, are proceeding without a hitch, with very little refusal on the part of parents to allow their children to be inoculated with the Salk serum. Wilmington physicians declare that the reaction in this town is quite the contrary of that which has been reported in other parts of the country, where large-scale refusals have been encountered.

The inoculation of the Wilmington School children started last Friday ,in the Wildwood School, with 120 chilren receiving injections. Four children were absent, and there were but eight refusals, on the parts of the parents. Dr. Ernest MacDougal administered the innoculations, assisted by Mrs. Esther Nichols, School Nurse; Miss Ann Butters, Public Health Nurse; and several volunteer assistants.

On Monday, in the American Legion Hall Dr. Gerald Fagan, assisted by the same staff, administered vaccine to 98 children, of grades One and Two, children who were brought to the hall by the School buses. There were 12 children of the eligible group who were not innoculated, but a large proportion of these were not refusals, merely being absent from school, according to the school authorities.

The program is continuing today, in the American Legion Hall, with Dr. Mac Dougal again administering the serum. It will be completed, (for the first phase) tomorrow, in the Mildred Rogers School, where Dr. Fagan will be in charge.

The total number of children eligible, in Wilmington (in the first and second grades) is 530. There will be a second series of innoculations in about three weeks, and a further innoculation, later in the summer.

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### HARVARD PROFESSOR TO MAP NEW ZONING

William I. Goodman, 35 years old, a resident of Belmont, has been engaged by the Wilmington Planning Board, together with his assistant, Charles Boyce, to make a new Zoning Map, and new Zoning Laws, for the Town of Wilmington. Details of the contract were confirmed, last night, between the two men, and the Planning Board.

The two men have been engaged in accordance with the vote of the Town, in the last annual Town Meeting, to make a complete planning study of Wilmington, at an expected expense of about $3500. The new Zoning Map and Zoning Laws should be ready to be adopted by the town in a special Town Meeting in October.

Goodman is an Assistant Professor of Regional Planning, in Harvard University, and has an impressive background of planning activities. He took a BA degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from Wayne University, in Detroit, and a degree of Master of City Planing from MIT. He served on the Planning Commission of Detroit for 6½ years, on the Planning Committee of Hartford, Connecticut for 1½ years, and also 1½ years on the Boston Planning Board. He has completed studies for a number of New England towns and cities, including the city of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Charles Boyce, his assistant, is a Graduate Student at Harvard, who took his Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University. He served as an assistant to the City Manager of Berkley, Michigan, for 3 years ,and was City Manager of Sharpsville, Penna., for 1 year. 30 years old, he is now taking his Master's degree in City Planning, at Harvard.

Office space is being provided for the two men in the newly established offices in the Town Hall basement.

### TWO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Miss Sheila Walsh and Miss Lucille Cavallaro of the Class of 1955 have each received a scholarship to Merrimack College. This is not only an honor for each of the girls, but it is also an outstanding honor for Wilmington High School in view of the fact that but four scholarships are awarded each year by Merrimack College, and two of the four have been awarded to members of the Wilmington High School.

### GRASS FIRES KEEP FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY

#### Open Air Fires Banned

Grass fires, during the past weekend, have kept the Wilmington Fire Department busy. Chief Arthur Boudreau states that, in his opinion, most of the fires were set by mischievious boys, but some of them started as the result of carelessness by grown-ups. He has banned open air fires, because of the dry spell, stating that no fires will be permitted until there has been a heavy rain.

There were three fires on May 20th, the first at 4:40 pm, in the Bell Farm pasture, off Chestnut Street. Five acres were burned. Engines 1, 2 and 5 were called to combat the blaze. At 5:05 pm there was a second blaze, on Wildwood street, and the Reading department sent a truck, to fill in as a reserve, at the Fire Station. At 5:23 pm a third fire broke out, near the Town Farm bridge, to which Engine 5 was diverted, together with the Reading apparatus.

There were three fires on May 21st. Two acres were burned over near Powder House Circle, at 10:50 am. At 1:50 pm there was a grass fire on High Street, and at 9:16 pm a grass fire on Border Ave.

Sunday there were five fires. The first was at 11:05 am, on Laurel Avenue, the second at 11:50 am on Dewey Avenue, the third at 3:50 pm on Marion Street, the fourth at 5:50 pm on Powder House Circle, and the fifth at 8:20 pm on Marion Street.

May 23rd had two fires, one at 8:20 am on Powder House Circle and a heavy fire, at 2:40 pm on Chestnut Street. Nine acres were burned, in the second fire, which was again on Bell Farm. Burlington lent assistance to Engines 1, 3 and 5.

### YANKS LEAD LITTLE LEAGUE

With two wins, and no losses as their score, Gildart's Yankees have had an excellent start, in the Wilmington Little League, this season. The Yankees defeated the Tigers, 6 to 4, on the opening day, last Saturday, and then defeated the Indians 5 to 4, on Monday.

The Red Sox, and the Indians, each with one win and one loss, are tied for second place, while the Tigers are occupying the cellar hole, with no wins and two losses.

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### ROD AND GUN NEWS

Gene Coutemanche

Well, fishing is finally here. Everyone seems to be going home with a creel full. After last weeks stocking of Lubbers Brook the boys (and girls) were getting their limits at the Concord and Woburn St. Bridges. All 6-9 inch brookies caught on live bait and goldfish spoons. Some nice caches reported on the Shawsheen, but the Ipswich is still slow.

Hats off to Conservation now, Again the local sportsmen prove that they have the welfare of the public at heart. Conservation now in conjunction with the local clubs, (including Wilmington) is in the process of organizing a search and rescue organiation comprised of local sportsmen. Actually, who is more capable than an outdoorsman to search the forests and operate the boats. C.N. plans to obtain all the necessary equipment such as boats, motors, lighting units, grapple equipment, radios, and possibly blood hounds. This service will be free to all cities and towns which clubs compose C.N. A roster will be kept of when men will be available, and hope to have a response of over a hundred men within two hours. 500 men to work in shifts around the clock. At the June meeting all Police Chiefs from this area will be invited to the meeting at Westford to assist in forming the team. The recent mishaps at North Billerica, to which the sportsmen responded so wholeheartedly was the incident which finally opened the sportsmens eyes and hearts.

The Wilmington Boys Fishing Club will compete on June 2nd at the Lowell Sportsmen Club in a bait casting contest against the adult members of the Lowell Club. The Wilmington Rod and Gun Club is still looking for bait casters to represent us at the tournaments. The spinning, plug and fly fishing contests will follow later.

The Sportsmens Guidepost at Chelmsford is publishing a bi-weekly newspaper designed for the local rod and gun enthusiast should prove interesting.

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# MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Wilmington's Memorial Day Exercises will again be held on two days, this year, on Sunday the 29th of May and on Monday the 30th. Exercises will be held at Regan Park, Drew Square and Nee Park, on Sunday Afternoon, and the regular parade will be held on Monday morning, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman of the Memorial Day Exercises, this year, is Commander John Madigan, of the Nee-Ellsworth Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The music will be

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### BOY SCOUT FUND DRIVE JUNE 3 - 5TH

The weekend of June 3rd to June 5th has been chosen, by a group of Wilmington residents, to be the time for a drive for funds, for Scouting. Anthony Meads, Director of the Group, has announced that beginning on Friday afternoon, June 3rd, and lasting until Sunday evening, June 5th., every home possible in Wilmington will be approached, in the appeal for funds.

Wilmington, says Meads, has 190 boys in the Scout movement. This represents about 9 percent of the boys in the Greater Lowell Council. In respect to membership Wilmington leads the Council. "We have more boys, who are Boy Scouts, in proportion to our population, than any other part of Greater Lowell Council. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that Wilmington has one of the highest proportions in Massachusetts."

Meads pointed out that except for Wilmington, the Council territory corresponds with the territory covered by the United Fund, of Greater Lowell. "So that we may practice the citizenship which we are trying to teach our boys, we feel that we should conduct this campaign to pay our share of Council operating costs. We are enjoying the benefits of Scouting, we should share in the costs".

Assisting Meads are a committee of 12 citizens of Wilmington, Foster B. Balsar, Frank Haggerty, Rene LaRivee, Edward Curtis, Theodore Chiricos, John McAndrews, Michael Rosa, Paul Metcalf, Larz Neilson, Joseph Slater, and William Berry.

### DANNY CAVANAUGH HOME

Daniel Cavanaugh, of Main Street has returned home, after completing his "boot" studies, at the Bainbridge Naval Training Station, in Maryland. Cavanaugh is enjoying two weeks leave, before being asigned to his next station, in the US Navy.

### BOARD OF APPEALS TURNS DOWN VARIANCE APPEAL

An appeal for a variance in the Zoning Laws, on Park Street, had been turned down by the Wilmington Board of Appeals. The Board, on April 26th, ruled that Paul Bongiornio, 46 Park Street, could not erect a store at that place, in variance to the Zoning Laws. Bongiornio had had a hearing before the board on March 29, 1955.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Veterans of Wilmington, members of the Veterans organizations and their Auxiliaries will attend Memorial Day Services, in the Congregational Church, next Sunday, at 11 a.m. Commanders of three Veterans organizations have united in an invitation to all veterans, whether members or not, to attend the services, in uniform, and pay respect to their Country's dead.

### ED BURNS GRADUATES FROM NORTHEASTERN NIGHT SCHOOL

Edward S. Burns, of 3 Dubline Avenue, recently graduated from a seven-year course at Northeastern night school. He majored in mechanical engineering.

A former graduate of Wilmington High School, Ed also completed a course of study at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, at Memphis, Tennessee, serving as an aviation machinist mate. After being discharged from a four-year stretch in the U.S. Marines, Ed worked as a lab technician for Raytheon. He is married and has three children.

### BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVES VARIANCE FOR TRAILER

A limited variance, good for one year, has been granted by the Wilmington Board of Appeals, to John Christopher, of West Srteet. By the terms of the decision, Christopher will be allowed to park a trailer in the yard of his home, for the use of his son-in-law, recently discharged from the US Army, until April 1, 1956, but no longer.

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## SAVE THE LADY SLIPPERS

This week, in the woodlands of our town, the shy, beautiful Lady Slipper is blooming. New England's only orchid, it is becoming more and more rare. Thoughtless persons, stuck with the beauty of this plant, are mainly responsible for the fast disappearance of this plant.

The Lady Slipper has only two seeds. It is not the prolific dandelion, which scatters seeds to the four winds, but depends, instead, on an undisturbed chance to live and grow.

It doesn't get the chance today. Its fragile loveliness is its own worst enemy, and the people who like it so well are the people who will soon cause it to disappear forever.

Please! Admire the Ladyslipper, if you will - but don't pick it!

## ROUTE 28

Last week's hearing, in Boston, proved that the route originally picked was substantially the route that will be followed, in the construction of Route 28. A number of Wilmington homes will be definitely effected, by the construction. We shall list them, shown by the map displayed at the hearing.

The crossing at west Street will not have any effect on homes in that area, but West Street will be relocated, and this will. West street is to be straightened, and made wider, and in the process, as is planned, it will go through the brick home of Mr. and Mrs. Hupper. The street itself will not be blocked off.

The Chesley Black home, on Lowell street is in the way of one of the ramps planned for the meeting of Routes 129 and 28.

A trailer, on Concord Street, will have to be moved, because of the route. No decision has been made about ramps, at this place, but the street will not be blocked off. (Reading Selectmen protested the blocking off of Grove Street, saying that many fires start near there, and that blocking the street would interfere with fire fighting).

On Park Street the Chisholm home is in the way of the new route, and further north the Pearson home is partly in the way. The home of Howard Woolaver, and all the buildings in the North Wilmington Nurseries will have to be moved. Park Street will be blocked off, and a new street constructed, parallel to the Highway, so as to join Park Street with Woburn street about opposite to the John Hartnett home.

High Street will be blocked off, but Woburn street will be reconstructed, so that the two streets will again be connected, coming from the south. The new road (for Woburn street) will go into the area known as Colonial Acres, to where Rte. 62 is to be. The Roger Buck house, on High Street, will have to moved, and further down, at the other end, the barn which is closest to the corner of Middlesex avenue will also have to be moved, for the re-location of Route 62.

John Hartnett's house, on Woburn Street will not be effected, but the taking of land, for the cloverleaf at 62 and 28 will come within 15 feet of his barn.

Route 62 is to go from the corner of Salem and Woburn Streets to the corner of Middlesex Avenue and High Street, with a large cloverleaf to join it with Route 28. There will be a complete block, where 28 crosses the present 62, and little further north, at Andover Street.

The John Dias home, on Andover street, is exactly in the center of the proposed route. It, and several of the buildings across the street will have to be moved. The route goes squarely through the upper portions of the Town Land Development Co. land (the former Pearson Tavern), and towards the Evans chicken farm. Bob Evans house on Ballardvale street, is exactly in the center of the route, and at this point the land-taking will be about 500 feet wide. The Ingemi house, across the street, will also have to be moved.

Ballardvale street is to be relocated, with a bridge under the proposed Route 28. The relocation will start at about the Louie Doucette home, and go north to about the point where the gravel pit exists north of the old Salem & Lowell RR bed.

No further homes seem to be in the locality of the proposed route, which from Ballardvale street sweeps northwesterly through the lower reaches of the Friend Farm, and into Tewksbury.

## STREETS

Last spring, in the Town Meeting, there was a sharp division of opinion, between the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, on the appropriation for the Highway Department. The Town Meeting sustained the Finance Committee, and $8000 less than the Selectmen wanted was voted for roads. The Selectmen had pointed out that there are many more roads today than there were ten years ago, and the Finance Committee stated that the "Highway Department is not suffering for the want of money"

Since then, every time that a citizen has visited the Selectmen's meetings to discuss roads one question was always asked "Were you at the Town Meeting?" Some of the citizens weren't.

Last week the Selectmen slashed the work program for this year, for the lack of funds, in the Highway Expense Account.

The next move, we would guess, might be up to the Finance Committee.

## CAT

Not too long ago we were told of a cat, that tried to adopt the Wilmington Public Library. It had to be put out, a number of times, because of its persistance.

Our own thought is that it is, without doubt, a refugee from the Board of Health.

## DOG CANDY

Speaking of the Board of Health, we have a suggestion for them. In the last week over 500 children were inoculated, with Salk Vaccine, against Polio. Each child was afterwards given a lollypop.

Our thoughts are about the Dog Clinic, to be held on June 11th. Each dog is to be inoculated against Rabies. Will the Board of Health do as well for our dogs, and give each one a bit of candy too? There is a dog candy, Yummies, which we think would just suit the purpose.

## KENNELS

The action of Robert Moran, in suing the town for a Kennel License, is certain to provide interest, to dog owners of Wilmington, particularly kennel owners. It might possibly provide an answer to other problems too.

Readers of the Crusader are without doubt aware of another dog kennel case, which has been hanging fire for several years. Partly as a result of the events in that case all Kennel Licenses are being refused, in Wilmington, unless the kennel owner is willing to sign an affidavit saying that there will be no breeding of dogs.

This affidavit thought, apparantly stems from a ruling of the Town Counsel, who says that no business can be allowed in Wilmington if it is not specifically mentioned in the Zoning By-Law. We don't know if the affidavit was the Town Counsel's thought, or the Town Manager's, but the Town Clerk has orders to issue no kennel license without it.

Chapter 37, of the General Law states clearly that a Town Clerk SHALL issue such a license, and there seems to be no permissive features about it. It is probably this chapter that Mr. Moran's attorney intends to use, in the comng trial.

Whether the Town By-Law, or the General Law will be supreme is up to the courts. If the Court should rule that the General Law supersedes the By-Law it might follow that the By-Law ruling about "no business unless mentioned" would have a hole knocked through it.

That, among other reasons, is why this trial should be interesting.

## ALONG "38"

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by eddie ford

ONE DAY recently I had the pleasure of meeting Fred Blair here in Wilmington. Mr. Blair has a hobby, painting in oils and water colors. I don't profess to be a authority on works of art, but I think that I can tell a good bit of painting when I see one. With a free hand, Mr. Blair paints from photographs out of magazines, or from prints that he might like on post cards. Anyone interested in the work of art should see the work results of this elderly gentleman's talents.

Al OSTERMAN OF THE Wilmington Coal and Oil Co. is doing some fancy fixing up around his place of business. Recently he completed fixing up one office and intends to start dressing up another.

TWO YOUNG MEN THAT SHOULD BE commended for their good work is soliciting for the Cancer Fund are, ALAN HANCOCK of Dunton Rd. and JOHN WILSON of Shawsheen Ave. From off the grapevine, these boys have shown great results from their work in this good cause.

THE ORANGE TREE at Peter Foni's Nursery is in full bloom. If anyone would care to see this tree, just drop into Mr. Foni's place on Route 38 in No. Woburn.

McManus Shamrock still has the listings for T. V. programs for the whole week. All ya have to do is drop in and ask for one.

IF YOU SHOULD NOTICE THAT OFFICER GEORGE SHEPARD has his arms folded all the time, it's because of this modesty. You see, George has a new blue stripe added to his sleeve, showing five years of good service to the force. There is also another young officer on the Wilmington force that keeps speeders leary of applying pressure to their accelerator when going along Main St. by Silver Lake. This member of the local Scotland Yard is Officer Charles Ellsworth.

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT an engagement party was held at Rocco's Restaurant on Main St. The engagement of Miss Rita Lydon of 16 Armstrong St., Jamaica Plain, to Rocco V. DePasquale Jr. of Wilmington was announced. In the course of events at the party, Helen Casey, ( a local gal) kept things going with a few gags, songs, dances, etc.

Rocco junior, is the son of the owner of the restaurant. He was just discharged from the army last week. He received a letter of commendaton at Fort Dix, where he was stationed.

BLESSED EVENTS ARE BEING ANTICIPATED by Dr and Mrs. Chernoff. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fitch.

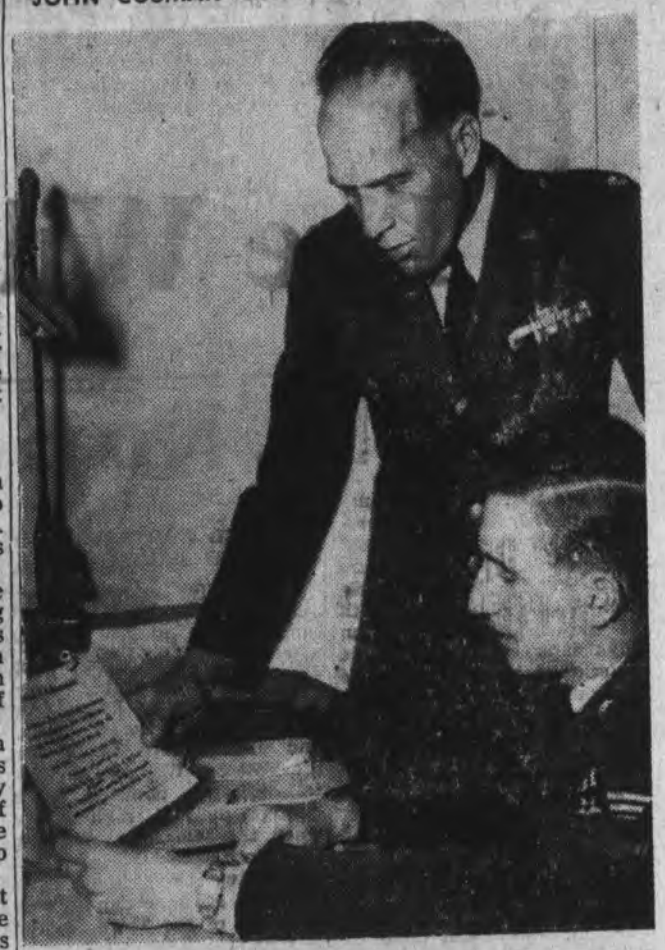
I CAN'T HELP BRAGGING, about my son Richard, who is in the Navy. He was notified last Wednesday that he was appointed to the Midshipman Academy at Annapolis, Md. He enters there in September.

GOT A KICK out of Henny Youngman on the Jackie Gleason Show last Saturday night. He told one about a little boy in Brooklyn.

Son: Pa, why can't I go out and play baseball and football like alll the other kids?"

Father: "Shut up and keep dealing."

## JOHN COSMAN COMMENDED BY AIR FORCE



Reading the Certificate of Achievement he received in recognition to the outstanding performance and attentiveness to duty, Airman First Class John D. Cosman Jr., of the Ninth Weather Squadron, March Air Force Base, California, receives a few encouraging words from Lt. Colonel Oscar H. True, Squadron Commander. Records Checker Airman Cosman had the least number of errors in his work, for the month of January.

Cosman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cosman of Salem Street, and is a graduate of Wilmington High school, where he was a member of the Student Council, Athletic Association, and Yearbook Committee. He entered the service in 1951, and spent 24 month in Japan during the Korean conflict, as a Senior Weather Observor.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

**MORE ON THE PONY CASE**

May 23, 1955
21 Glendale Circle
Wilmington, Mass.

Editor
Wilmington Crusader
95 Bridge Street
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

It seeems ridiculous that a few self-opinionated individuals of this community should be so determined in their stand against an innocent little girl and her pony as to continue ad infinitum their campaign of feeble excuses and foolish regulations.

This is apparently a case of the squeeking wheel getting the oil, since though the majority of the neighbors would like nothing better than to see Caren have her pony, we have kept quiet while a couple of our less neighborly neighbors with direct connections at the Town Hall have successfully exerted every effort to keep the pony and its stable off Glendale Circle.

To the casual reader this whole affair may seem like a tempest in a teapot, but it is indeed a sad example of regulation by whim instead of a common sense, enforced by public servants who are governed by influence rather than by fairness.

Yours truly,
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### May Procession for St. Dorothy

For the first time in the history of Wilmington, we think, a crack band, and little children, dressed in white, marched, through country lanes, held outdoor benediction, and sang, to honor their patron Saint. But, it is the month of May, also, which makes it doubly delightful to see little children marching in their best dresses, and white suits. For it is legend with all little people, to come out in the sunshine in the month of May. It is the month of Mary, and back to time we can't remember, this Blessed Maiden has been venerated during the month of May. We may thank Father Leahy, and about four or five nuns from St. Charles' in Woburn, for the magnificent turnout of last Sunday. It was a privilage, indeed, for this humble writer, to witness such a spectacle, and to be able to serve at the outdoor Benediction, which was an inspiring service, to cap a perfect afternoon.

### Baby Shower At Office

On Friday, Mrs. Herbert Peterson (Claire Bemis) was totally surprised, when she arrived at the offices of the John Hancock Bldg, by an office baby shower. She found her desk, in the Underwriter's division, prettily decorated in pink and white, and a number of beautiful baby things were presented her by her fellow workers. Mrs. Peterson has been employed by the John Hancock Co. for the past seven years, and is office manager of her Dept. She leaves her position, with the well wishes of her many friends, and will prepare for her coming blessed event, (September).

### Umpire John Robbins

Mr. John Robbins, one of this year's new umpires for Little League celebrated his 40th birthday on Sunday, last. After he had retired for the evening, his friends decided to fete the Gentleman. He was very receptive, and he feels that it is a good thing that a birthday comes only once a year. Mr. Robboins makes his home at 82 Burnap St., and has two charming children, John, Jr., and Janice, nine, and five.

### Women's Club Meets

The Women's Club of Wilmington were served a delicious dinner at the Shaker Glen House in Woburn, last Thursday which opened with a lucious fruit cup and went on through a Clam dinner. All members that have been contacted, testify to a very enjoyable afternoon. With the exception of a small choking incident, of which Mrs. Lena Twomey was the near-victim, all went according to schedule. Mrs. Edith Michelson gave a short address of thanks to all members for being present, and, as usual, as charming as ever. We hear that all of the ladies looked very lovely.

### Memorial Services at Congregational

This year's Memorial Services will be held at the Congregational church, on Church Street. All members of all organizations of servicemen in the town are asked to be present. This includes all of the faiths, of course. Rev. Mr. Cummings will officiate, and the services will commence at eleven o'clock, a.m. The members of the local Armed Forces organizations are asked to meet at the American Legion Bldg. on Middlesex Avenue, and march, in a body, to the church, This body will please meet at 10 a.m., to arrange their assemblies, an so make certain of the correct procedure of march. This is an annual service, rotating each year, to different churches.

### The Placing of Flags

Three men from each organization, the DAV, the VFW, and the American Legion, will meet Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, to place flags at the graves of departed comrades. This is a service that is carried out each year at the advent of Declaration Day, to be sure of complete recognition of all of our fallen comrades, before the parade gets under way, on Monday, the 30th.

### St. Dorothy's Whist

On Friday evening, May 27th, at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, Mrs. Allen Riley, and the following committee, Mrs. Raymond Cormier, Mrs. Leo McCormack, Mrs. John Elliott, Mrs. Arthur Lynch, Mrs. Albert Lambert, Mrs. Chas. Baldwin, Sr., Mrs. Martin Leverone, and Mrs. Frank Horgan, will conduct a whist party for the benefit of the St. Dorothy's Building fund. Many attractive prizes have been donated, and the public is most kindly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the party.

### American Legion Whist

On Thursday evening of this week, the American Legion Ladies plan a Whist party. This whist, as is usual with all of their endeavors, will be a well-run affair, and many guests are expected to attend. The prizes will be the best, and the affair will be held at the Legion Hall, at Middlesex Ave., and Adams St., Town.

### Record Hop at S. Tewksbury

For all of you youngsters, who like such things, there will be a record Hop at the South Tewksbury Betterment Hall, on Friday, June 3rd. Alan Dary will be there, with his irresistable charm, and good music, that seems to make any place rock and roll. So, get out them dancing shoes, and away you go, to the record hop.

### Save Your Old Clothes

Neaten them up a bit, and, any other usabel article, that will go well at an Auction, because there will be one, sometime in August, in the interest of St. Dorothy's. These things are generally fun to have, and we are looking forward to it. Will someone please get up an old kneehole Desk, so we can stop typing from atop a sewing machine? Thanks.

### Babies We Know

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Higgenbotham, of Reading, a son was born, at the Winchester Hospital, last week. His name shall be Glen Thomas, and his paternal grandmother is Mrs. Madelaine Higgenbotham, of Adams St., Town. The little boy was born in the vicinity of the 17th, and we hope that we are not in error.

### A Son To The Brennans

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan, of Grove Ave., Wilmington, announce the birth of a son, on Friday, the 20th, at the Winchester Hospital. Mrs. Brennan will be remembered as the former Audrey Peterson, of Somerville, and Wilmington. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brennan of Billerica, and Mrs. Catherine Peterson is the maternal grandmother .

### It's Another Boy

VFW Commander, John Madigan, and Mrs. Madigan, the former Muriel Landry, of Lake St., announce the birth of a baby son, at St. John's Hospital, on Wednesday, the 18th. They have one other son, eighteen months old.

### Girl Scout Supper

A supper that broke all records in Wilmington for attendance, was held, by the Wilmington Girl Scouts, in Villanova Hall, on Saturday evening, the 21st. Mrs. Jo Long is to be congratulated for her untiring efforts in this affair, as the little girls certainly came together in force, each girl with her mother, and not more than a dozen absentees. There were over 500 guests present, and each girl was given proper, and separate recognition, according to her accomplishments during the past year in Scouting. We were informed during Mrs. Long's talk, that Wilmington Scouting has grown in scope faster than in any other community in the state. This, of course, tells the surrounding communities, that parents here in Wilmington are all vitally interested in the better things in life for their children. Supper was served by Carl and Marie.

### Second Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Booker, of Wellesley announce the birth of their second daughter, Candace Lee, at Richardson House on May 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Booker formerly resided on High St., in North Wilmington.

### ST. THOMAS'S HOLY NAME

Joe McKenny, former star athlete at Boston College and now Director of Physical Education in the Boston School System, will be the principal speaker at the annual Fathers' and Sons' Communion Breakfast of St. Thomas' Holy Name Society. Since Mr. McKenny is an accomplished speaker and a master of his subject, his talk should prove very enjoyable for both fathers and sons.

The breakfast will be held at Villanova Hall after the 8:15 Mass on Sunday, June 5th. Tickets are $1.34 for the fathers and 99 cents for the sons. Tickets will be available at all the Masses next Sunday.

### CENTER SCHOOL MOTHERS CLUB IN SEASON'S LAST MEETING

The Center School Mothers Club will hold its final meeting of the season on Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at the Center School. Election of officers will be held. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served .


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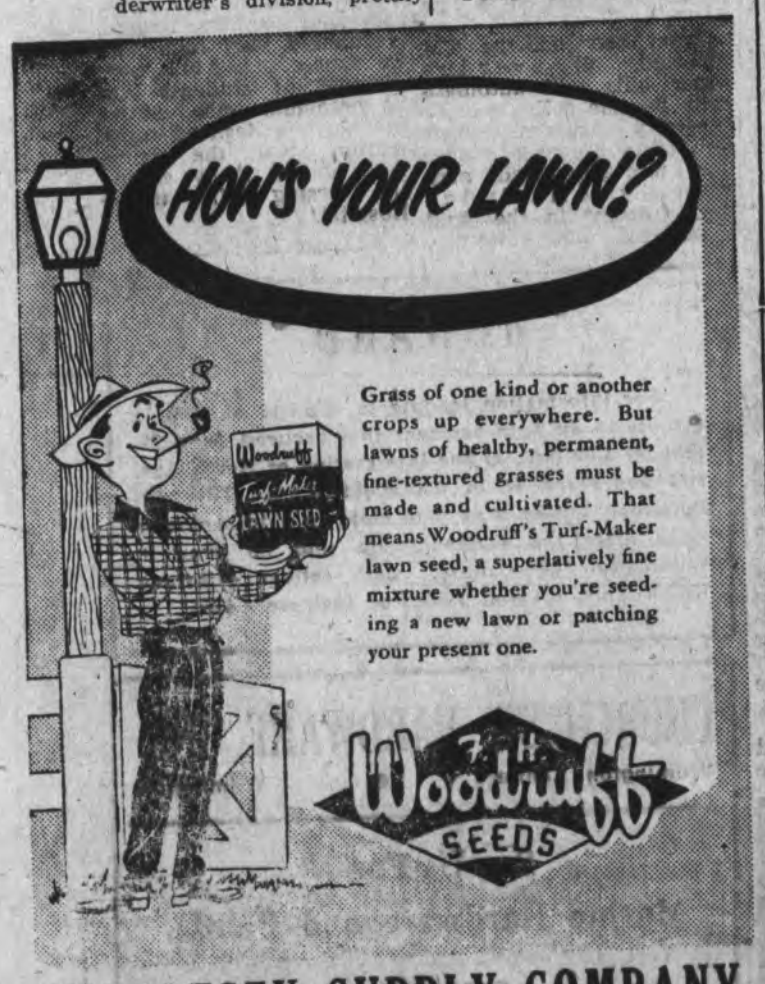


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### TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 31, 1955 at 11 p.m. on the request of the Town Land Development Co. Inc., 344 Salem Street, for a variation in the lot sizes in their development off Salem Street.

Walter L. Hale, Jr.
Secy, Board of Appeals
M-25

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 31, 1955, at 8:30 p.m. on the request of Albert A. Blanchette, 904 Main Street, for a variance in the Zoning Laws to allow a building to be constructed at 904 Main Street to house the Bowling Alleys now doing business at 452 Main Street.

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## SELECTMEN PEEVED AT ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Wilmingon Selectmen are peeved at the Rod & Gun Club, and they said so, in their Monday night meeting. Two weeks ago members of the Rod and Gun Club attended a Selectmen's meeting, to report on a situation in which the Somerville Rod and Gun Club and themselves were involved. They promised to report back to the Selectmen, after they had had a meeting with the Somerville Club, and as of Monday night there had been no report.

Selectmen Nicholas De Felice voiced the general opinion when he stated "The Wilmington Rod & Gun Club is leaving us to hold the bag! They said they would report - that was nearly two weeks ago, and we haven't heard a word! They haven't come back - they haven't written - all I know is what I read in the paper!"

At the same time the Secretary of the Selectmen reported that she had been told by a member of the Somerville Club that that club had no intentions of filling any application for anything except a Building Permit, in the land owned by the Somerville club, in North Wilmington. She further described the conversation as being of a nature to attempt to coerce the Camp Forty Acre group (which owns an adjoining children's camp into an agreement with the Somerville club.

Selectmen E. Hayward Bliss, to this, moved, and it was voted that: "We send word to the Chief of Police that he take steps to prevent any shooting out of zone, in Wilmington" He added that the Town Manager, and the Town Counsel should investigate the zoning laws, to see whether or not a club could have the right to shoot, under the zoning laws.

In a further move, but not aimed at either of the clubs, the Selectmen voted to deny a shooting permit, for next Sunday, at the Smith gravel pit in East Wilmington. This permit was denied on the ground that it had not come through the officials of the Wilmington Rod & Gun Club.

### Train Service

Selectmen Charles Black reported that service on the Boston & Maine Railroad, for the 7:42 am train leaving Wilmington had not improved. On motion of De Felice it was voted to write to the B&M RR requesting that the train which goes through Wilmington at 7:30 am stop at the depot, to afford better service to Wilmington patrons of the railroad.

### Streets

William Barry, president of the Shawsheen Avenue Association, visited the board, to discuss the corner of Shawsheen Avenue and Hopkins Street. Berry told the board that this corner was now becoming "very dusty" as a result of the uncompleted work. He asked the board "Does everything (on the streets) have to be done peicemeal? Can't corrective action be taken?"

He was told by the Chairman, Mrs. Wavie Drew that she would discuss the matter with Town Manager Joseph Courtney, on Tuesday. Mr. Courtney was not present at the meeting, being the principal speaker at a testimonial dinner.

Mr. De Felice reminded Berry that there had been a considerable cut, in the Highway Department appropriation, this year.

Nick Femia, secretary of the Shawsheen Avenue Association later visited with the board, to discuss Dorchester Street. Femia stated that Dorchester Street had been accepted by the town four years ago, that work on the street was being held up, pending whether or not water was to be installed, and that he now believed that water would not be installed for some years. "I am willing to take my turn, like everyone else" he said, "but I would like to know where I stand. Everyone else has water, and surfaced streets, and we are still waiting" "If we can get oil, or asphalt, we will be satisfied"

Mrs. Drew told Femia that she would speak to the Town Manager about it in the morning. Bliss stated that it would be "put on the list". To this Mrs. Drew said "but you know we have no money" and Bliss said "Yes, but we can put it on the list for when we do have money!"

Femia: "As long as I know where I stand - I don't want to be left out in Left Field!"

### Licenses

An application for a State license to Peddle Eggs and Dressed Poultry, for Leo Rhine, Woburn Street, was approved.

Approved was the name of Joseph P. Fleming, as being a Wilmington resident of good character, in a list of incorporators for the 63rd Division Association, Inc. Mr. Fleming, of Highland Street, North Wilmington, was the only Wilmington man on the list, which had been sent to the Board of Selectmen by Secretary of State Cronin.

### High School

The board voted unanimously to send a letter to the Wilmington High School Building Committee, suggesting that the new High School be named the "Memorial High School" as a living memorial to all veterans of all wars.

### Whitefield Club

An interpretation, on the terms of sale of the old Maple School, was received from the Town Counsel. The school had been sold to the Whitefield Club, for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by vote of the Town.

Atty Buzzell's interpretation was that the sum of $500 was a "lump price", and that any money paid before was in the nature of rental. The club had paid $470, and $30 previously, on a monthly basis. The Selectmen voted to write the club, saying that $30 more was due to the town.

### Ambulance

A long and spirited discussion was held about possible Ambulance Regulations. TM Courtney had left a memorandum of practices in other towns and cities, for the Selectmen's perusal, together with a suggested set of regulations.

The Memorandum reported that Reading charged $5 for ambulance service in Reading, $10 for service to Boston, $7 for service to contiguous towns, and it was free, in case of accidents. No contagious disease cases would be carried.

Woburn charged $5 in town, $10 out of town, accidents free, and no contagious diseases to be carried.

Melrose charged $5 to the NE Sanitorium, $7 elsewhere, plus $1 a mile, but free in town, and free for accidents. It also would carry contagious disease cases.

Winchester charged $5 in town, $10 out of town, Free for accidents, and no contagious diseases.

Medford charged $3 in town, $5 out of town, plus $1 for each mile over five. Accidents were free, and no contagious cases would be carried.

Mrs. Drew reported that in Reading the Police Department clerk was in charge of sending out bills for use of the ambulance.

De Felice opened the discussion by stating that medical men should be the judge, of the case involved. "Should it be the Fire Chief or the Town Manager or the Doctors? Who knows the cases?"

Mrs. Drew: That's why they want regulations - so the Fire Chief doesn't have to be the judge.

Bliss: But the doctors should inform their patients that they will be billed.

De Felice: The Town Manager is doing the squawking - not the people. I can't see charging them (the people). This is just a means of cutting costs. If the people felt that they had a squawk they could get up and say so - they have a chance twice a year. Just because the Town Manager is squawking we don't have to turn around and charge the people. They didn't vote for this.

Mrs. Drew: But the people voted for the Town Manager plan 2 to 1.

Bliss: The town supports the ambulance so that we will have it for emergencies. We aren't having an ambulance to be a taxi service.

De Felice: I can see where we can ask the doctors to refrain from using the ambulance except in cases of necessity, but I can't see cost cutting by charging the people. Let's have the runs to the hospitals we use most free - Woburn, Winchester and Lowell. Lets charge for a run to any other hospital!

Selectmen Black finally finished the discussion by moving that the Town Manager's recommendation be sent to the physicians for their comment, and suggest charges. It was voted unanimously.

### Street Releases

Mrs. Drew reminded the board that they had an unresolved question, (as the result of a previous conversation some months ago) about whether a street could be accepted, if one of the abutting landowners refused to sign the "release" which would free the town from all claims for damages during construction.

On the motion of Selectman Bliss, it was voted the town will not accept any street, or portion thereof, until all abuttors had signed. Bliss explained that by this he meant that if one abuttor refused to sign a release the street would be accepted only as far as that person's land.

### High School Playground

Mrs. Drew reported that Representative Frank Tanner had told her that the Bill in the Legislature, to allow the High School Building Committee to construct a playgound in the rear of the High School had been "reported out of committee" with the following provisions:

1. There must be an approval, by the town, in Town Meeting.
2. The playground must not be in excess of $100,000.
3. The work must be done on public bids, in compliance with the law.

She further advised that the Town Counsel had stated that the board should not file any intentions of a Special Town Meeting, at this time, but should wait to discuss the matter next week.

### Gravel Trucks

Selectman Joseph Woods reported that he had noticed that gravel trucks were dropping stones on the highways, especially in North Wilmington. The stones he said, were of such a size as to cause tire bruises. This started a discussion about the habits of some operators, in overloading their trucks so that they couldn't help but spill gravel.

It was voted that the Town Manager should be instructed that the town's policy was to be strict in enforcing compliance with the laws, and gravel regulations. De Felice stated that according to law, a gravel truck must have a canvass cover over its load, to prevent spilling.

### Junk Yard

De Felice reminded the board that 14 days had passed, since the Building Inspector had sent a 14 day notice to a certain place to clean up the "junk" in the area. "It's now up to Mr. Rice, "he said.

### TM's Report
### Chapter 90 Work

TM Courtney's written report to the Selectmen stated that an agreement had been made with District Engineer Barrett, from the Department of Public Works, that no furthear work done on Route 62 other than placing a bituminous plant mix upon the section from the North Reading line to the intersection of Woburn and Salem Street, using for this purpose the unexpended 1954 balance.

As alternatives, for the 1955 work, Salem street, going towards Tewksbury was recommended by Barrett, and West Street, north of Route 129 was the first choice of the Town Manager. (Selectman Bliss wanted no work on Salem Street until after the Signore interests had finished their work there. Black thought that the work should be done on West Street first).

Also recommended as a second choice, by the TM was Burlington avenue, in the "curve" area, and then Chestnut Street, for future work. Other possibilities were mentioned, being Concord Street, Ballardvale Street, and Andover Street, but all now too closely involved in the proposed Route 28 for consideration at this time.

Middlesex Avenue would not be considered by the Engineer, because it is secondary to Church Street, and also because it is closed off during school hours.

### Equipment

Bids are to be called for this week for the new Highway Department Roller, and he new Police Cruiser.

### Town Hall

The TM reported that town hall space had been more than doubled, because of the new layout. He expressed his appreciation of the "extraordinary efforts" of the Building Inspector, and stated that he had authorized the Building Inspector to have an additional week off, for vacation this year, as compensation for the extra time put in during the past three weeks.

The present Town Manager's office will be split into two rooms, one of which will serve as a private office for the TM, and the other for a conference room and committee room. An additional conference room will be available in the Civil Defense quarters in the basement.

Public Hearings can be held in the public enclosure of the outer office, with adequate seating room.

Most of the remaining work will be completed within the next two weeks.

### Tax Rate

The TM stated that the 1955 tax rate of $56 was approved by the Dept. of Corporations and Taxation as sound and conservative, that there was indicated a $4 reduction in the General Government cost, and a $3 increase in the School cost, which was not unexpected due to the rapidly improving quality and greatly expanded facilities of the School plant. He stressed that the statutory formula does not, in his opinion fully reflect the comparative cost of Town and School costs.

### Lights

The Reading Municipal Light Company has been requested to install new lights on Harden street immediately.

### Water Bills.

The TM reported the Water Lien Act, adopted by the town in 1942, had been just recorded a few weeks ago.

From now on, the TM reported, all overdue water bills will automatically become a lien on the property involved, which lien takes precedence over any mortgage, and may eventually be included with interest in the Real Estate Tax Bill. However, he added, it appears that the Lien Act is a supplement rather than a substitute for shut-off proceedure.

### Roads

New Hampshire Avenue is to be graveled this week, with the bill being paid by an abuttor. Construction on Auburn Avenue is proceeding as planned. A report on Chapter 81 authorization is expected from the State Engineer within two or three weeks.

### Dump

The Town Dump is to be "pushed over" and covered with fill this week, with most of the fill coming from the excavation on Auburn Avenue. With the advent of warm weather the dump will be cleared weekly.

## ACCIDENT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE

Two cars were slightly damaged, Sunday morning, outside St. Thomas church, on Middlesex Avenue. Involved was a car driven by John F. Burke of Westdale Avenue, and a car owned by Donald Fraser, of Columbia Street. Wilmington Police state that the Fraser car was parked.

## FINED FOR OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

David Brazee, Lakeview Road, Tewksbury, paid a fine of $50 in Woburn Court, on May 23rd, after pleading guilty to a charge of operating a car after his license had ben suspended. Brazee had been arrested by Officer Charles Ellsworth, of the Wilmington police.

## WINCHESTER HOSPITAL NOTES

Miss Laura B. Rogers, R.N. Director of Nursing at Winchester Hospital, announces the appointment of Mrs. Bertie Donaghy, R.N. as instructor for the Hospital Aide Class starting on June 6th. Mrs. Donaghy is well known to local residents, having worked in the Hospital for many years as a staff nurse, and as an instructor of previous class of Hospital Aides.

Interest in the new class, according to Miss Rogers, is running very high, and we expect that a full complement of students will be obtained. She states that anyone desiring information about the course may obtain it by calling the Nursing Office at the Hospital.


• REWARD •

For information leading to identity of a male witness to an auto accident that occured June 29, 1951, at 6:00 P.M. at the intersection of North Ave. and Boulevard St. in Wakefield, Mass. This witness took a man, wife, and child to a local doctor right after the accident. He said he lived in Wilmington or vicinity. Call, collect, Attorney Ralph Gott, CApitol 7-8880 or Melrose 4-6666.

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**Beginnings**

Present day South Billerica, Nuttings Pond and especially Billerica Centre were established as a settlement called Shawshin, in 1863, from the river so-called. This was the first coming of the whites into essentially Indian territory, heavily-wooded and wild, and so full of wolves that somewhat later a bounty was offered of $20 per head. Shawshin was part of the area originally granted to Carlisle.

In 1655 the town of Billerica was recognized by the Crown officially as a separate colony, and was incorporated. Its name comes from the English town of Billericay, in Sussex County, south east of London about 26 miles, and near the site of the famous Battle of Hastings. Many of the pioneer settlers here were from Bil-

**Indians**

Local Indian tribes were the Wamesits, also called the "Pawtuckets", and the Nashoba Indian tribe. At first friendly, hostilities arose later, especially in the period of King Phillip's war 1675 and following thru King Williams' war and Queen Anne's war up thru 1695. During this interval garrisons were established for mutual protection of the inhabitants, and perpetual guard against surprise raids exacted a toll of manpower and strain. In two historical instances, 1692 and 1695, five and fifteen citizens were killed or captured by the Indians in surprise attacks. The present-day Gogers plaque on Billerica Avenue, in North Billerica, marks the spot of the latter attack on the Rogers and Levistone families which suffered these losses. North Billerica was especially exposed.

**Vital Statistics 1655**

The official 1655 records show that Billerica had 2 births, 1 marriage, and no deaths. Obviously Billerica has always been a very healthy town, and continuation of these statistics could only mean progress. It went this way, in population figures:. 1790, pop. 1200; 1800, pop. 1383; 1810, pop. 1280; 1840, pop. 1636; 1850, pop. 1636; 1855, pop. 1772. These figures are from the 200th anniversary celebration record. Today Billerica's 26-plus square miles contains about 15,000 people. The past ten years, and even more rapidly the past five years, has found the town to be about tops in the state in percentage growth figures in population and associated statistics.

**Ten-Acre House Lots**

Original nouse lots in Billerica were ten-acre lots, was actually a "share' of the town's land grant, which meant that the owner had 113 acres of upland, and 12 acres of meadow land. The 5-acre lot was correspondingly smaller.

A signpost on Concord Road, approximately at the boundary of Bedford, informs one that the town of Shawshin was originally part of Cambridge. However, the distance to Cambridge resulted in early petition by townspeople here to be separated and be relieved of the taxes and levies which were their lot as part of Cambridge; and this was quickly granted on the reasonableness of the request.

The early settlers quickly established requirements for others wishing to come to the town, including a certificate of recommendation from their home town, and signature to the willingness to undertake tax and other burdens. Townsmen held the authority and undertook all jobs today done by our town officers. Later these townsmen were called selectmen. Another group of citizens went around to all the families and saw to it that their children were sent to church to receive instruction in proper behaviour. This actual followship of children is merely a concrete instance of the general strictness of behaviour required thruout a settlement and town living agriculturally and close to minimum economic standards, and with their social life centered largely in the church.

**Early Transportation**

What was the largest canal in the United States was built by the Middlesex Canal Company, beginning in 1793, and running from Chelmsford to Charlestown, a canal distance of 27 miles. This canal passed thru Billerica on a level with the Concord River. From here it dropped 25 feet on its way to the Merrimack River, and 107 feet on its way to the Charles River. It open-end to traffic in 1804 and cost the then stupendous amount of three-quarters of a million dollars.

Lumber was its main freight, but Lowell itself was built in no small part by brick, lime and slate carried on canal waters. A "Packet Boat" daily made the trip for passengers. Altho this transportation was important and even profitable in itself to the area Billerica itself did not directly gain commensurately, and with the competition in the building up of this of new railroads, the canal fell into disuse, until in 1852 it was sold, to Mr. Talbot, of the present day Talbot Mills family. Initially they set up a plant for the manufacture of die woods, drugs and chemicals, later making wool cloth, especially flannel; and this continues to today. Many if not most of the men in the War of 1812 wore grey uniforms of Talbot Mills cloth, as somewhat later did West Point cadets.

**Stagecoach to Route 3**

A nice four-day trip from Amherst, New Hampshire, to Boston, in a two-horse-drawn covered vehicle, as the ad went, with overnight stay in Billerica, was offered from 1795 on. This was a real stage-coach affair. This June, 1955, will probably see the completion of the route 3 relocated thruway up to New Hampshire towns, a beautiful, modern, highspeed divided, -four-lane -expressway thru wood and valley characteristic of the beauty of Billerica lanscape.

**Billerica's Narrow-Gauge Railroad**

An enterprising group of citizens in 1876 started the Bedford to Billerica. Heavy investments were made by local people, and a Captain Charles Ranlett became President. The first railroad station in town was at North Billerica, altho this was the Lowell line. South Billerica had a railroad station within the memory of still-young residents, and most of the railroad tracks you see over town, such as on Concord Road, and across River Street are those of this Bedford-Billerica line. Nationwide attention was brought to the railroad when it established narrow gauge tracks of two-feet width in 1878, anticipating by 50 or more years a fundamental rail transport problem of heavy equipment compared to the load carried. Altho original cost estimates were around $8000 per mile of track; these costs ended up nearly $60,000 per mile of track. This first narrow-gauge railroad in the U.S.A. has two locomotives, named "Puck" and "Ariel", and about a half dozen cars. Some of these are sort of pensioned off to the Edaville railroad, down Carver way, the delight of all children, ages nine to ninety, and still carrying Massachusetts' most delicious crop, cranberries. The fall of the narrow gauge railroad was largely brought about by the costs of connecting up with standard-railroads, which involved another handling of the freight.

In some communities in the U.S.A. citizen groups have found it servicable and profitable to reestablish these old railroads as a civic venture, and we venture to say that this possibility ought to be examined here and not too lightly discarded.

**Industry in Billerica**

Historical industry in Billerica includes the Talbot Mills, at the dam in North Billerica, still going strong; the Faulkner Mills making woolen goods; the Hill's Machine Shop which developed a famous method of splitting leather and manufactured for it; the Patterns' factory, famous for its cabinet work; and Jacquith's glue factory, still operating in making special-purpose glues. The Boston and Maine Railroad yards are less active than formerly but still an important part of Billerica's picture. Modern companies include the Johns-Manville plant branch. Zonalite is a relatively newcomer. This particular area is a large one with already established utility services, such as electric power, natural gas, main line railroad service, motor-vehicle roads, water, and so can be expected to develop further, other factors being permissive. One of the great fundamental advantages of Billerica competitively is its location as a transportation centre for distribution of a company's products to the rapidly growing northern New England states and even Canada, and southward to Cape Cod areas, by modern roads which by-pass urban traffic.

The first bridge in Billerica was that over the Concord River on Boston Road. It was washed away several times and rebuilt.

**Institutional Beginnings**

The first church in Billerica was that of the Rev. Samuel Whiting, in 1660, which church was organized in 1663 in a building with a thatched roof.

In 1679 one Joseph Thompson was chosen Schoolmaster, and school began. It was a "reading and writing" school, with no grammar schools yet in Billerica. Various private schools have been established, flourished and given way to others. In 1797 Pemberton Academy was established. Later, in the early 1800's a Billerica Academy flourished. In 1952, Dr. Howe willed his entire fortune to establish Howe High school, to prepare Billerica young people for higher education, an unprecedented interest in education for them here. Dr. Howe had been associated with and active in education in Billerica and elsewhere. Many people remember the Mitchell School, whose fieldstone arches still stand on Concord Road, just as you round the first bend towards Bedford. This was a first-rate military academy of wide repute.

This fall of 1955 will find Billerica opening a new $2,250,000 high school on a beautiful campus, which looks across the road to a modern, $800,000 elementary school recently completed, and down the road to the Concord River. It will also find work beginning on another modern elementary school in the Nuttings Lake section. Total public school enrollment is well over 3200 pupils today in Billerica.

**Why History?**

The 200th Anniversary record of Billerica's celebration then is prefaced by the quote from Burke: "They who never look back to their ancestors will never look forward to posterity." Henry Ford's famous remark since then about history being bunk highlights, together with Burke's the dangers and the glories of history. We must learn and be inspired by, but not be limited by, our history.


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**TEACHERS TELEVISE**

Educational television became a reality last year as this phase of the industry enjoyed its greatest period of expansion to date, according to a report in The American Peoples Encyclopedia 1955 Yearbook. One began operation in 1953 and 13 other cities had funds on hand and were going ahead with plans for the construction of stations.

For every 10,000 populations on an average, five persons will be saved from dying of cancer in 1955, but 14 will die and 45 will be treated for cancer. Give to the American Cancer Society Crusade.

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Knowledge can keep a cancer strike from becoming a cancer kill. The American Cancer Society urges everyone to join the Cancer Crusade and have a physical check-up in Cancer Control Month.

More than 1,000 scientists and 3,000 technicians are now working on cancer research sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Help support this work with a contribution to the ACS Crusade.

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By Joseph Alfano, Jr.

Friday, a day of beautiful days, the type of day one thinks of fishing or of having a little snooze. The Town Crier concerned himself with the latter. If you have ever stopped by an enchanting brook or stream on such a day, you can readily understand what happened. Now if this writer were a painter or a poet other thoughts might have occupied my mind; but, neither, a little cat-nap was all that could be mustered in appreciation of a magnificent scene. It all ended too quickly, though.

Girl Scouts-what obout them. Are they an integral part of a comunity? Should time and effort be put into making their programs successful? The answers to these absurd questions are obvious—of course they are important. Why then, the questions at all? Read on. Mrs. William C. Long, of Oakdale Road, Girl Scout District Chairman, says, "Efforts to assist Girl Scout units have been practically nil" The adult leaders they now have are heavily overburdened and lack of more adults in supervisory capacities have limited the number of girls admitted. Many girls are not being given the chance to join because of this situation. Mrs. Long went on to say, "Even small requests for help on their projects have met with disapproval.

It would appear that the Girl Scouts have taken on the "Forgotten Role". The reason for this predicament is evident: We have taken the work being done for granted. With other worthy programs taking the greater part of our time and efforts. the Scouts have simply taken a back seat. Why do they need help? Two hundred and fifty girls - twenty troops. What more need be said? Let's see what can be done to remedy this situation. Call Mrs. Long and find out what you can do to help.

On such days as the aforementioned, some fish and others like to snooze, still others like to bask in the sun. "Marty" (Martha) Boyle of Birchwood Road thought her front lawn, a book and a blazing sun the best way to spend the day. "Marty" is to be one of the May Queen's attendants at the crowning ceremonies held today, an honor she is justly proud of. "All told", she explained, "there are eight girls picked from four classes at the High School. The students choose whomever they want," she added. The seven other attendants are: Dorothy MacDonald, Phyllis Ryan, Eleanor Kirkle, Gertrude Fenlon, Dorothy Rogers, Lavinna Melzar, and Majorie Beddoes. The May Queen is Cheryl Tautges.

Have you noticed the arrival of our annual antagonizers, the Mosquitoes. A little spray goes a long way in combating these wreckers of delightful summer evenings. Extermination has its drawbacks, though; what kind of a summer would it be without them.

The question has been answered! After having asked the same question over and over again for the past month the one answer that told the story completely was recorded in the little note book. The question: Why Wilmington? The answer: "Cause I like it. If I didn't like it here, I'd move out, that's that".

Oh, well-See you!

**ST. DOROTHY'S MAY PROCESSION ATTRACTS HUNDREDS**

About 400 children of St. Dorothy parish, arrayed in ranks according to the color of their clothing, took part in the May Procession of the church, last Sunday afternoon, a procession that attracted hundreds of persons.

Led by the Junior Band, and followed by the Senior Band, of the Star of the Sea Parish (St. Mary's - Beverly), the children made a colorful spectacle, as they marched up Main Street, from the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, to St. Mary's Church, on Vernon Street, So. Tewksbury.

The bands, which volunteered their services, were the New England and Massachusetts champions of 1954.

The children arrived at the SLBA Hall about 3 p.m., and the procession started just before 4 p.m. Arriving at St. Mary's after 4 p.m., they witnesed the Crowning of the Blessed Mother, after which Father Leahy spoke briefly, and gave the Benediction.

A concert, by the two bands, finished the program.

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASS.**

**Invitation for Bids on Machinery and Equipment for Manuel Training Department.**

The High School Building Committee, duly authorized by the Town of Wilmington, invites bids for the procurement of certain machinery and equipment to be installed in the Printing, Woodworking, Sheet-Metal and Drafting Shops of the Manual Training Department. Specific information concerning each of the required items, quantity needed, etc., may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, Mass.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the above office by 3:00 P.M. on June 16, 1955. Bids will be opened at 8:00 p.m. at the same address on June 16, 1955. The right is reserved by the Town of Wilmington. through the duly authorized High School Building Committee, to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid it deems to be in the interest of the Town.

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**INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANT JOINS GROSSMAN COMPANY**

Announcement has been made by the firm of L. Grossman Sons that Samuel H. Goff, business analyst and industrial consultant, has just become affiliated with the company. This newest acquisition to the Grossman personnel dovetails with the company's stepped-up program of industrial development throughout the New England region.

Well equipped by the know-how of training and experience, Mr. Goff is planning to increase the pace of operation in Grossman's already well-defined program of ndustrial promotion. As his initial assignment Mr. Goff is surveying the Woonsocket area, where Grossman's recently purchased the inactivated Glenark Mill properties. This large plant, closed by the Bachmann Uxbridge Worsted Corporation, ceased operations only a few months ago, most recent victim of the common fate of many of New England's textile mils Mr. Goff, workng in close cooperation with the alert progress-minded members of Woonsocket's Chamber of Commerce, has already outlined plans for propelling new ndustry into this section, industry that is expected to supplant and surpass the commercial lull created by dwindling textile activities.

Mr. Goff, a native of Boston, attended Northeastern University and Newark College of Engineering. After leaving the latter, he served for over five years with the Army Medical Corps in World War II, participating in several major campaigns while on duty in North Africa and the European theaters of combat.

Following his army discharge in 1946, Mr. Goff entered the X-ray industry, and became associated with the internationally known Picker X-ray Corporation as regional sales manager and engineer in Kentucky. In 1951 he entered the field of business engineering as a business analyst and management consultant for Hubbard, Dilley and Hamilton, a well known firm of business consultants. He later worked in the same capacity for the Frank M. Shaw Corporation, another prominent firm of business consultant; and, in 1954, he was sent to New England to survey the growing industrial potential created throughout this area by the southward migration of many textile operations. This post was relinquished to accept Grossman position.

With a broad knowledge of the industrial needs of New England and wide experience in that field, Mr. Goff's services tie in smoothly with the Grossman program of reactivating industry n this region. The Grossman firm, long prominent as the largest lumber and building distributors in New England, has more recently gained renown in the field of reclamation and conversion of commercially distressed properties. Among the first to recognize the economic hazards attendant to the exodus of textile activities fom New England, Grossman's quickly became pioneers in an energetic and effective plan of attracting replacement commerce into those essentially one-industry areas. In addition to the Glenark Mill at Woonsocket, Grossman's has recently acquired such major properties as the Goodall-Sanford Mills at Sanford, Maine and the Higham Naval Shipyard at Higham, Mass.

Earnest in their desire to keep New England in its traditional place, high on the list of the nation's industrial centers - and to revitalize the earning power of economically crippled areas - the Grossmans have gained wide repute for their effective methods of attracting replacement industry into many idle areas. Repeatedly they have justified their faith in the belief that new and diversified industry can be prevailed upon to utilize of these commercially-distressed properties.

Announcement of Mr. Goff's appointment to the Grossman staff was made by Sidney W. Grossman, president of the firm to whom he will serve as assistant.

Mr. Goff and his wife, (the former Ida Berman of Witman), together with their two small children, Mark David and Pamela Jane, now make their home in Natick.

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**HEARING ON ROUTE 28**

"I suppose we shall have to go through the motions anyway". These words, by Phillip Buzzell, last Wednesday, characterized the attitude of the Wilmington residents who were present at the hearing, at 100 Nashua Street, Boston last wednesday. They were prepared to again protest the route chosen by the Commissioners, through North Wilmington, but they didn't expect that the protests would achieve good.

The hearing hall, on the fourth floor of the building, was crowded. Several politicians availed themselves of the opportunity to talk about unemployment, under the guise of discussing the proposed route. A Lawrence Representative in the General Court pled for the employed in that city, saying that machinery would not be needed on this route, for it was not a rush measure. A former Representative from Somerville talked loudly and long, on unemployment.

Commissioner John Volpe, of the Department of Public Works presided. He was very patient, with those who spoke. The reading of the route, as proposed, was by Charles Whitcomb, Engineer for the DPW.

Woburn and Reading officials and residents attempted to persuade the Department of Public Works to shift the route to the Westward, so as to travel through the Aberjona River Valley, instead of near the Woburn-Reading Town Line. They pointed out the number of homes that would have to be moved, and other advantages that would accrue from using their proposal. Whitcomb reported that costs of using their route would be about $1½ million over using the route as proposed by the Department.

A cranberry bog, in the Aberjona River Valley, was the target for coments by a number of Woburn residents. They want the route to go over the cranberry bog, as part of the proposal, pointing out that it would eliminate a mosquito-breeding ground. The president of the Unicorn Country Club, too, protested the proposal of the Department. As proposed the route go through the country club, and in addition to taking up part of the fairway would also cause the moving of a number of homes.

Town Manager Joseph Courtney, speaking for the Selectmen of Wilmington, told Commissioner Volpe that the Wilmington Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board, preferred to have the route through No. Wilmington cross Salem Street in the vicinity of Martin's Brook. He also asked for provisions for a cloverleaf at Concord Street, and at Ballardvale Street, with future provisions for a cloverleaf at Andover Street, on the route 125 Cutoff. Larz Neilson, of Wilmington, seconded Mr. Courtney's remarks, saying that the Board of Selectmen had a very substantial amount of support from the residents of Wilmington, in their proposal. He also spoke of the abandoned Salem-Lowell railway, saying that the Commissioner should so make their plans as to not cut off the possibility of using this.

North Reading officials were interested in the Concord Street cloverland, and in having the crossing of Salem Street at Martin's Brook, they told the Commissioner.

Frank D. Tanner, and Charles Wilkinson, Representatives in General Court from the 18th Middlesex District told Commissioner Volpe that they were behind the officials of Wilmington, No. Reading, Reading and Woburn "100 percent". Mr. Turner introduced many of the officials, as they spoke.

Commissioner Volpe announced that the remarks of the various persons would be taken under advisement, by the Department of Public Works.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**
Middlesex, ss.
PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of **Frederick W. Brandt** late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that **Eva F. Brandt** of Wilmington in said County, be appointed administratrix of said estate, without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of May 1955, the return day of his citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

John J. Foley, Register.
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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT**

To the Town of Wilmington, a municipal corporation located in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; Philip R. Watson, Ruth L. Watson, William K. Jensen, Catherine J. Jensen, John C. Lockman, Mary D. Lockman, John J. Neville and Eleanor M. Neville, of said Wilmington; Emma Remby, of Winthrop, in the County of Suffolk and said Commonwealth; Ida Epstein, now or formerly of Boston, her heirs, devisees or legal representatives; and to all whom it may concern;

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Andrew Jensen and Dagmar A. Jensen, of said Wilmington, to register and confirm their title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Salem Street 75.24 feet; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Emma Remby 129.04 feet; Northeasterly by lands now or formerly of the Town of Wilmington and Philip R. and Ruth L. Watson 75 feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of William J. and Catherine Jensen 122.84 feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the thirteenth day of June next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of May in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Sybil H. Holmes
Recorder.

Attest with Seal of said Court.
(Seal)
(Atty. Norman W. Haines
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**METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**

In Christ.

The Adult Fellowship enjoyed a pleasant evening of discussion and fellowship at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pedicaro, at 14 High St. The Rev. Stanley Cummings was the guest speaker. His topic for the evening was, "Why do You Believe In Christ".

The Fellowship is planning a progressive supper for the evening of May 28th. The charge will be $2.00 per couple. For reservations call Abbie Lyle OL 8-3343.

May 29th- Sunday

Bill Russell will be in the pulpit for both of the Sunday Services to share with the members and friends of the Church, "The Meaning and Purpose of the Church School".

There will be a meeting on June 2nd at Rolling Ridge for the members of the Official Board of the Church to make plans for the coming year .The menu will be Pot Roast at $1.50 per person. All Commissions and groups will meet seperately to prepare a budget for the Finance Commission.

Resource leaders will be invited to attend to help and advise with the planning.

**JOSEPH CRISPO IN GERMANY**

9TH DIV., GERMANY - - - Pvt. Joseph A. Crispo Jr., 18, whose parents live at 29 Veranda Ave., Wilmington, recently arrived in Germany for duty with the 9th Infantry Division.

As part of the U.S. Seventh Army, the 9th Division conducts rigorous training exercises, including realistic maneuvers and field problems, in southern Germany.

Crispo, an ammunition supply specialist, entered the Army in November 1954 and received training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

He is a former student at Wilmington High School.

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**MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY**

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supplied by the Wilmington High School Band.

**Order of Exercises**
**Sunday May 29**

2:30 p.m.
Exercises at Regan Park, under direction of American Legion Post 136.

2:50 p.m.
Exercises at Drew Square, under direction of William F. Tattersall.

Chapter 106, Disabled American Veterans.

3:10 p.m.
Exercises at Berrigan Square, under direction of William Tattersall.

Chapter 106, Disabled American Veterans.

3:30 p. m .
Exercises at Nee Park, direction of Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Monday May 30**

8:30 a.m.
Exercises at Lubber's Brook, Main Street, (Silver Lake), directed by John Madigan, Commander of the Nee-Ellsworth Post, VFW.

Casting of wreath on water by Chaplain William Simmons, VFW, assisted by Madeline Higganbotham, Chaplain VFW Auxiliary, Marguerite Harper, Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary, and Mary Sottile, Chaplain VFW Auxiliary, in memory of those who died at sea. Address and Prayer by the Rev. Joseph W. Leary. Firing Squad. Taps.

9:15 a.m.
Form Parade at Middlesex Avenue and Main Street to Church Street, turn left, down Church Street to Cemetery.

9:30 a.m.
Start of Parade.

10:00 a.m.
Arrive at Memorial Shrine, St. Thomas Church. Exercises directed by Commander Nicholas DeFelice, American Legion. Address and Prayer by the Rev. Edmund Croke. Placing of wreaths by Commanders of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Firing Squad. Taps.

10:15 a.m.
Arrive at Rogers Park. Exercises directed by Commander Paul Metcalf, Disabled American Veterans. Placing of wreaths by Chaplain Mary Sottile, DAV Auxiliary, Madeline Higginbothom, VFW Auxiliary, and Marguerite Harper, American Legion Auxiliary. Address and Prayer by Albert S. Kaufman, President of the Wilmington Synagogue. Hymn by the band. Firing Squad. Taps.

10:45 a.m.
Arrive at Soldiers Lot. Exercises directed by Nicholas De Felice, Commander American Legion. Placing of wreaths by Presidents Jean Moore, American Legion Auxiliary, Elizabeth A. Tattersall, DAV Auxiliary, and Beatrice McCormack, VFW Auxiliary. Address and Prayer by the Rev. Richard Harding. Hymn by the Band. Firing Squad. Taps.

11:05 a.m.
Decoration of Graves. Firing Squad. Taps.

11:20 a.m.
Arrive at Soldier Monument. Exercises directed by Commander John Madigan, VFW. Placing of wreath by Chaplain William Simmons, VFW, Lawrence Foley, American Legion and James Shine, DAV. Placing of wreath by Boy Srouts of America in memory of those Scouts who died in the service of their country. Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" by a Wilmington Boy Scout. Address an Prayer by Rev. Stanley Cummings. "Vacant Chair" by the Band, in memory of the heroic dead of all wars. Decoration of crosses, deceased Veterans of World War II and Korea. Roll Call of World War II and Korean dead. Firing Squad. Taps.

12:00
Pass Reviewing Stand, on Common. Presentation of Colors to Boy Scouts of America by Commander Nicholas DeFelice, American Legion. Star Spangled Banner by Band. Disband.

**Roster of Parade**

Detail of Police, Detail of Fireman, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, National Guard Detachments, Colors and Color Guards, Veteran or Foreign Wars, Parade Marshall, Commander John Madigan, VFW.

Guests: James J. Sayre, National Service Officer, DAV. Nee Ellsworth Post 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Nee Ellsworth Post 2458, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Wilmington High School Band, Colors and Color Guard, American Legion, Commander Nicholas De Felice, American Legion, Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, Wilmington Post 136, American Legion Auxiliary,, Boy Scouts of America and Cub Scouts, Junior Catholic Daughters of America, Commander Paul Metcalf, Disabled Veterans, William F. Tattersall Chapter 106, Disabled American Veterans, William F. Tattersall Chapter 106, Disabled American Veterans' Auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, Disabled Veterans, Other Patriotic Organizations.

**Autos Banned**

Beginning one hour before the exercises, all automobiles will be excluded from the cemetery, and will not be allowed to enter until ceremonies are completed.

**Memorial Day Committee**

Commander John Madigan, VFW, Chairman; Commander Nicholas De Felice, American Legion; Commander Paul Metcalf, DAV; President Beatrice McCormick, VFW Auxiliary; President Jean Moore, American Legion Auxiliary; Commander Elizzabeth A. Tattersall, DAV Auxiliary; William Bovitz, William Simmons, Alfred Ouellette, Janet Simmons, Helen Witham, Bertha Mills, James Breen, Thomas Ralph Crawford, Lawrence Foley, Louise De Felice, Lena Hamilton, Marguerite Harper, William F. Smith, Bernard Johnson, James Shine, Adeline Riley, Charlotte Duggan, Mary Sottile, Mabel Kennedy, and Joseph B. McMahon.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INSOLVENT ESTATE**

AUGUSTOS DETATO
late of WILMINGTON
in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, represented insolvent.

THE Probate Court for said County will receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said AUGUSTUS DETATO and notice is hereby given that six months from, the TWELFTH day of MAY A.D. 1955, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that the Court will receive and examine the claims of creditors at Cambridge, Mass., on the SIXTH day of JUNE 1955, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at Cambridge, Mass., on the FOURTEENTH day of NOVEMBER 1955, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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**BILLIARD CHAMP**

Intercollegiate billiard championships were won by representatives of six widely-scattered state colleges and universities recently in a national meet at Purdue University, according to the 1955 Yearbook of The American Peoples Encyclopedia. The five-man straight rail championship was won by the University of Cincinnati; the three-man straight rail honors were won by the University of Utah. The three-cushion tournament was won by the University of Florida; and pocket billiards by the University of Wyoming. Individual championships were won by contestants from Michigan State and Oregon.

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**$75 BILLION DEPOSITS**

Deposits in commercial and mutual savings banks reached a new postwar high in the United States last year, according to the American Peoples Encyclopedia 1955 Yearbook. At the end of October, time deposits reached $74,700,000,000, an increase of 5,300,000,000. Savings and loan associations, also had a record number of savings accounts and sales of savings bonds were large during the year.

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**MONEY SUPPLY HIGH**

The money supply in the United States, including currency outside of banks and deposits of all banks, reached an all-time record of $211,400,,000,000 last year, according to the 1955 Yearbook of The American Peoples Encyclopedia. This figure marked an increase of $9,700,000,000 over the total U.S. money supply for the previous year. The privately-held money supply totaled $204,800,000,000. $7,500,000,000 above the year before.


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# TOWN NOTES

WEATHER

This May is quite different from that of a year ago, during which there was so much rain. A year ago this past week we had a total of 4.02 inches of rain. This year, in the past week, there was only .02 inches, on May 16th.

TOWN HALL

We haven't heard anything but good news, from the Town Hall, as a result of the changes there, during the weekend. Everybody, citizens and employees alike, think it is wonderful.

A person now having business in the Town Hall will find himself in the center of the building, with a counter all around him, and the various persons behind the counter, each in their own part of the building.

Nearly everybody pitched in to help, in some way, but leading was the Building Inspector, Ernest B. Rice. Right behind Rice as far as efforts go was the Principal Assessor, Fred Calabrese. John Ingalls, Purchasing Clerk, spent a good part of Sunday afternoon wrestling with the furniture.

The four safes are now all gone. Where 3 of them stood in the back of the building, is now an empty void, very conspicuous, but we imagine that the void won't remain there long.

MUSIC

Somehow the names of the bands to take part in the procession for the children of St. Thomas, next Sunday, keeps jingling through my mind. They come from a parish in South Boston - the Gates of Heaven Parish. Its a very appropriate name for a band which is to lead a Sunday School procession. Very appropriate.

ORGAN

The organist, in the Congregational Church, last Sunday, was Charles Camp, of Reading. Mr. Camp was "filling in", because of the temporary absence of the regular organist, Miss Janet Gomes.

It was a very remarkable performance. Mr. Camp is not a professional, but plays the organ for a hobby. He is, as far as a musical instrument would be concerned, a a cripple, having lost two fingers of has right hand, but his music had a sense of rythm that led nearly all the worshipers to remark on the wonderful quality. We hope we can hear him again, some time..

NEW JOB

Earl Sylvester, former president of the Aberjon plant of General Foods, retired about two years ago, to take life easy. He was, at that time, a very active man, who, among other things, had been a President of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, and was the originator of the Rotary Park idea. After he retired he moved to Orange (Mass.), to take things easy.

We have learned that, as we suspected, he couldn't do this. Earl is now the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in Orange, and a hard-driving Secretary he is, we are told.

FISHING

Fishing, in Wilmington, is very good. Trout are being caught in every stream except Martin's Brook. We have seen a number of youngsters with beautiful 10 and 12 inch specimens.

Some people (no one in Wilmington) can't seem to be sportsmen, however. We have been told that an out-of-town man took 29 trout, in one evening, at the Concord Street bridge of Lubbers Brook. He is lucky that a Game Warden didn't come by, that's all we can say.

We saw a fellow, the other day, trolling for Pickerel, in Silver Lake. We didn't have time to stop and tell him that all the fish in the lake were killed last fall, to prepare the lake for bass-stocking. We wonder if anyone else told him, or if he finally gave up in disgust.

Our own fishing story concerns a four-legged animal - a racoon, no less. We were "reeling" at Martin's Brook, Friday evening. Our luck was good, but we brought home one less ell than we caught. It disappeared from the rear compartment of our car (we had left the upper door open). Racoon tracks on the rear bumper, told the story.

ONE GOOD TURN

We don't know if Anthony Signore was ever a Boy Scout, but he believes in doing one good turn after another. His latest was the loan of the special rig he has, for hauling bull-dozers. It is one of these low tractor-trailer affairs, on which the bulldozer is able to climb by its own power.

Tony loaned the rig to the Wilmington Little League, to use in bringing the Little League Ballpark Fence down from its winter quarters, on Eddie Curtis' land. It was just the thing - carried over half the fence at a time, and was very easy to load and unload.

MILK INSPECTION

Sanitarian Pat Thebeau, every now and then, goes out and stops every milk truck in town, to inspect the quality of the milk being sold, and to make sure that the salesmen have the proper licenses. He never gives any warning, just goes out and stops the trucks .

About two weeks ago Thebeau was out stopping milk Trucks, and he stopped one that had no Wilmington permit. The driver was very properly very much amazed. He knew that he should have had one, but he had been in Wilmington for only about 15 minutes. A customer of his had moved out from one of the Boston suburbs, and had requested him to deliver milk at the new Wilmington home. Our driver was nothing loathe, for he felt that he could perhaps get some more business in our town. After delivering his milk he intended to go up to the town Hall, to get a Wilmington permit.

He never got the chance. Thebeau stopped him within one minute of his first delivery. To that driver Thebeau must be a first cousin of Superman.

SANDBOXES

In the past few weeks we have noticed in our school yards, sand boxes, for the youngsters. It is something new, and something that the children are obviously enjoying, to judge from the reaction.

We don't know who puts them there, but we believe that Tony Thiel, the School Maintenance Man, could say a word or two about it.

GRANGE HILL

We have heard more than one comment, from Wilmington residents, about the protest of the Wilmington Grange Hall Corporation, to the School Comittee, about renting out school cafeterias to various organizations. All the comments were in favor of the action by the Corporation.

The Corporation pointed out that because the cafeterias are rented out for non-school socials, the Grange, and anyone like them, are deprived of rightful revenue. Being Tax-payers of Wilmington, we can't say that we blame the Grange at all, for their actions.

The School Comittee, we understand will come up with an answer soon. They realize the problems involved, as well as does the Grange.

HOW TO MAKE THE GRASS GROW

We probably sound like a scolding Old Maid, when it comes summer time. Every year we see lawns being watered, in bright sunlight, by people who think they know how to make the grass grow.

They are not helping their lawns, by daylight watering. Such watering causes the roots to turn upwards, towards the source of water.

If lawns are watered in the evening, just about sun-set the water gets a chance to soak into the ground, and the roots go down after the water. A good soaking (not just a sprinkle), in the evening, is the answer.

DUST BOWL

One of our friends, up in the Silver Lake area, has a new name for the lake. He doesn't like the fact that the ditch leading from the lake was deepened. Lately (as was suspected would happen) children have destroyed the temporary dam, built into the ditch, and the lake level has dropped again.

Our friend calls the lake a "Dust Bowl".


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Of this program, the Portland Oregonian said: "At the rate things are going the private utilities may be the first to turn a big chunk of power into the Northwest Power Pool to help stave off the predicted squeeze of the 1960's."

This is not an unusual or isolated case. Private utility companies are seeking permission to build huge projects, each costing hundreds of millions, on the Snake River in Idaho and the Niagara River in New York. They have been delayed because of the opposition of socializers in and out of Congress, who want a tax-subsidized government power monopoly. A California utility wants to undertake a big and needed new project there—again with private enterprise is to build a power plant costing well over $100,000,000 to serve an Atomic Energy Commission installation.

If we do have power shortages, place the blame where it belongs—on the socializers.

### HEALTH FOR ALL

#### Don't Scare The Snakes

Now begins the season of outdoor living; of walks in the woods and camping trips it is a time when many amatuers discover that the world of nature is full of hazards to life and limb, not the least of which is the wily snake.

There have always been two schools of thought on the proper etiquette when meeting a snake which might be poisonous - - if you aren't an expert, it's safest to regard any snake as poisonous. The first school says, run as fast as you can in the opposite direction. The second school favors standing stock still in hopes the snake will think you are a stone. Some confirmation of the second opinion now comes from science.

It seems that fear in both the rattlesnake and his victim makes the effect of the bite worse. The muscles that wring the venom glands and inject the poison are controlled from the biting muscles. A snake that is not very frightened might bite without wringing its venom glands hard enough to eject much poison. As for the victim, if he is very much afraid, fear will affect his heart action and speed up absorption of the venom.

If you must be bitten by a snake, you will be luckier if it comes on a part of your anatomy where absorbption will be slower because it is padded with fat and far from vital organs. Again it is wise to select a very young or older snake. The young ones have shorter fangs and produce less venom which is less toxic. Old ones may also secrete less and weaker venom.

Since you may be a poor judge of snake age and too upset to arrange for the snake to bite you in the right place and, in addition, both you and the snake might be scared to death, the wisest precaution is to have a snakebite kit when you camp in areas where snakes abound. If you are bitten, follow first-aid instructions and then get the doctor at once for anti-snake serum.

### U. S. DEFENSE STRENGTHENED

The budget allowed the Defense Deparment for the fiscal year beginning July 1 last year of 29.5 billion dollars was 5 billion dollars less than the preceding year and 12 billion dollars below the last budget request submitted by the Truman administration, according to a report in the 1955 Yearbook of The American Peoples Encyclopedia. Defense Department officials said that despite the reduced budget, the nation's defenses actually were stronger than ever before due to the elimination of waste and duplication.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE HEARS MOTHER'S PROTESTS

The Wilmington School Committee, meeting last Wednesday, heard the protests of three ladies, representing opinions about the Wilmington High School, and also heard the replies of Bernard McMahon, Principal of the School. The three ladies were present by appointment, as was Mr. McMahon. Also presentt but heard separately, were three students who replied to questions by the Committee members.

The three young students were heard first. Eugenie Nelson, president of the Senior Class, Nancy Anderson, vice president of the Senior class, and a cheerleader, and Lavinia Melzar answered all questions, and the Committee members later remarked that they had not only conducted themselves very well, but had been extremely helpful. They told of the details of class financing, as, for instance, that the class dues, for the seniors, are $5 per year, but when they were Freshmen it was 25 cents a month. At the present time there is $736 in the Senior treasury, which is in care of the principal. They thought that they had no real complaints.

The Student Council, they said, had a treasury of $430 Miss Farelio and Miss Sharp, teachers, told the committee that the money in the Student Council is for such purposes as buying pins, and that occasionally money is loaned to some student activity, without any interest being charged. The Student Council, they said in reply to a question by Committeeman James Moore, is not a legislative body, but one which considers school problems. Miss Sharp quoted a substitute teacher who also taught in Woburn and Winchester, as being amazed at the good conduct, discipline, and admiration of Wilmington High School.

The discussion between the mothers and Mr. McMahon lasted for over 90 minutes, and at the end it was still apparent that the ladies were not entirely satisfied. Mrs. Helen Casey. Mrs. Violet Melzar and Mrs. Neil Anderson told the committee that they had been amazed to learn that the Cheerleaders fund had a deficit of about $25, and when they tried to find out more they were not able to look at the books. They had proposed to conduct a cake sale, for the purpose of erasing the deficit, and this had been refused, by Mr. McMahon. The ladies were also critical of the balance in class funds, saying that the Junior Class had had no accounting for a considerable period of time.

Mr. McMahon had a prepared statement, which he attempted to read, but was stopped by Mr. Moore, when the statement disgressed from the subject under discussion at the time. McMahon was later allowed to read the entire statement.

Mr. McMahon told the committee that the various class funds etc., were kept in a bank, with his secretary doing the bookkeeping work for him. There had been a discrepancy in the bookkeeping of the Cheerleader's fund, because of a double entry, which made the defcit appear when there should have been cash on hand, but the checking account was correct, and the error was found when the books were compared with the checking account. He stated that he had to let the ladies look at the books, because he felt that this was something that should not be shown to everybody. He had the books with him, for the Committee's inspection.

Later John Collins, Superintendent of Schools made a statement to the School Committee and the ladies, in which he pointed out that the Principal of the School is principally an administrator of the school, and that the keeping of class funds, etc., is a secondary function.

In the discussion about the Junior Class funds, Mr. McMahon said that he had not reviewed their books for two years, and that this was customary. He explained that in the Junior Year he does go over the books, to see that everything is in order. The Class Treasurer takes care of the work, from a class standpoint, he said.

**Photographs**

A long discussion was had on photographs. The three ladies said that there had been only one chance for the Senior Class to discuss who the class photographer should be. There was suddenly a meeting, a representative of a well known firm was presented, he talked, the class voted on what the ladies described as "a form of contract," and later, according to them, they found that they had voted on the contract itself.

According to the ladies, there should have been several representatives, of the various firms, present themselves to the class, and this did not happen.

Mr. McMahon told the Committee that he had called the meeting, and that only seven of the class had voted not to have the photographer in question, 71 voting for him. In view of the overwhelming vote he had felt it was not necessary to call in other representatives.

Further explanation showed that the individual class members were not definitely obliged to buy photos from the class photographer, and that he supplied a "glossy" for the Year Book, free of charge, whether or not photographs were bought. If photographs were submitted by other than the class photographer they were used.

Mr. McMahon stated that in one class about 40 pupils did not have their class photos from the class photographer, but had another, a competitor who had unsuccessfully bid. This, to John Collins, was an amazing denouncement. He stated emphatically that if a class votes for a photographer the members of the class should stand by the vote.

There were, according to McMahon, practically no difference in price between the various photographers, but thought that there was a difference in work. He displayed a group of pictures, by two different photographers, which hardly anyone bothered to inspect. One photographer had been banned, by two previous Principals, and he was continuing the ban, he said.

Several members of the School Committee expressed an opinion that the Superintendent should be careful to have more than one representative, next year. They upheld the present contract.

**Activities**

In a discussion about student activities, Mr. McMahon, in answer to a question, stated that he was not in favor of opening school dances to outsiders. Students could bring guests, but the guests could not have this privilege extended to them. The ladies reminded the School Committee that in Tewksbury there had been a dance, last year, to which Wilmington students had been invited. They thought that Wilmington should reciprocate. They thought that Mr. McMahon had not acted fairly, citing instances such as one youth being because he had no necktie, when other boys were similarly clad. Mr. McMahon was unable to remember any such instance, and he stated that the pupils be "young ladies and gentlemen."

He had, he stated, forbidden certain activities, because he was trying to keep the outside activity schedule from becoming over-loaded. The Cheerleaders had only two dances this year, compared to four the year before, because the proposed dates were too close to other dances in the school. He cited an instance when an outside oganization had used the school, and there had been considerable damage done, of a malicious type.

In answer to a question as to the Principals right to decide what activities should take place, John Collins stated that the Principal had "definite rights, in this respect."

**Cheerleader's Fund**

During a second discussion of the Cheerleaders Fund it was recommended by Mr. McMahon that this fund be abolished, and turned over to the Town Treasurer as part of the (revolving) Athletic Fund. Later during the evening, the School Committee voted to do this.

(The Cheerleaders Fund had originally been started to provide uniforms for the Cheerleaders' uniforms will augmented from time to time by work of the Cheerleaders and their friends and mothers. Under the vote of the School Committee the Cheerleader's uniforms will now be paid for, in their regular turn, by the Athletic Fund.)

**Other Business**

**Cafeteria Account**

Superintendent of Schools John Collins reported that the appropriation for a reserve for the cafeteria fund had been "tapped for $575" in order to keep all bills paid to date. This was the first time this had to be done, this year, he reported, and was occasioned because the March and April reimbursements from the State were late in arriving.

**William O'Rourke**

William O'Rourke, a teacher in the Wilmington elementary schools for several years, tendered his resignation, by letter. Mr. O'Rourke stated that he had been offered a much better salary, in Weston. His resignation was to date Sept. 1st, and was accepted with regret.

**Raffle**

Collins reported that he had learned of a raffle, in one of the schools, designed to help a family that was thought to be in need. He had stopped it. Committee members agreed with this action, stating that the Wilmington Community Fund exists for cases such as the one in question, and is always ready to assist, as they had at this time.

**Tables**

A letter was received from a Wilmington Girl Scout official, asking loan of several tables, from the High School cafeteria, and of some of the cafeteria silverware, for the annual dinner, planned for Villanova Hall on May 21st. The letter explained that there was every year a larger attendance, and extra facilities would be needed.

The offer was refused, with a counter-offer to use the High School cafeteria, if need be. The members of the comittee felt that they could not allow the tables to leave, fearing that they would not be set up in time for Monday morning. Even more important, in their eyes, was the silverware, which they felt could not be washed according to their regulations (high temperature), before time for the school lunch Monday.

**Extra Transportation**

A Discussion about bus transportation resulted from a report that some children were not getting home immediately from school. Mr. Collins told the committee that arrangements between the bus company and some of the churches had been made to take some of the children to classes, after school. He had nothing to do with it, he said, it was entirely between the churches and the company.

From the reports it appeared that in some instances the children going to the classes were taken there before regular routes for the schools were completed. On motion of James Moore it was voted to advise the bus company that no children be taken out of their way, because of any other activities.

**Mental Health**

A letter was received from the Massachusetts Association of Mental Health, thanking the Wilmington Public Schools for their assistance, during the classes in this town this spring. Also thanked were Mrs .Esther Nichols and Ralph Ambrose, Principal of the Wildwood School. The class, the Association reported, were very successful.

**Aids to Victory**

The $150 scholarship, from the former Aids to Victory, will probably go to a young lady, daughter of a World War II Veteran, Collins told the, committee. Mrs. Muriel Martin, representing the Aids to Victory, will make the presentation.

The young lady was identified as Carol Donaugh, a senior, who wants to study in the Malden Hospital.

Arthur V. Lynch moved that not only in the case of the Aids to Victory, but in any case, where an outside agency was making an award, a representative of that agency should be invited to make the actual presentation. This was voted.

## PAY GOES UP

Wages in the building trades have risen an average of 10 cents an hour, or 3.7 per cent, in cities of 100,000 or more, according to the 1955 Yearbook of The American Peoples Encyclopedia. Wage hikes granted in the industry during the year generally ranged from 5 to 20 cents an hour.

## PROFITABLE PLAY

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The top authorities say that the industry, should be operating on a basis of production of not less than 500,000,000 tons a year- -well over 100,000,000 more tons than was produced in 1954- -if it is to be in a positon to meet a real emergency quickly.

Depressed coal production causes mines to be closed and work forces to be reduced. And it takes, at best, many months to open mines, rehabiltate the equipment, and get them going again. On top of that, laid-off miners get jobs in other enterprises. Many move away from the coal regions, and are no longer available. To build up a depleted labor force is also a time consuming proposition. For modern methods of coal mining call for skill and experience if we are to have safe and efficient production.

The problem in sum, is to find ways and means to bring coal back to the production level that it must have if it is to be ready for emergency demand. That is an urgent problem.


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The Hallmark Hall of Fame program, next Sunday, at 5 p.m. on WBZ-TV, (Channel 4) will feature a Tribute to Rotary International, Harry Huntley, president of the Rotary Club of Wilmington has announced.

Huntley said that the show will coincide with the opening date of the 5-day Rotary International convention in Chicago, to be attended by 20 thousand Rotarians and members of their families from 65 countries.

Edward Arnold will narrate the Rotary story, which will be presented in two acts. The first act will dramatize the founding of Rotary by Paul P. Harris. The second act will tell the story of Rotary's major activities in 90 countries of the free world.

### ST. DOROTHY NEWS

**Sunday Masses:**
At St. Mary's 7, 8:30, 10:30 and 11:30.
At Silver Lake Betterment Hall at 8:45 and 11:00.
**Weekday Masses:**
At 7 a.m. except Saturday at 8 a.m.
**Novena Services:**
Every Monday at 7:45.
**Choir Rehearsals**
Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
**Baptisms:**
Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Rectory.

There will be a Father and Sons Communion Breakfast, on June 12th, following the 8:30 Mass.

There is to be a Holy Name Eucharistic Rally, on Thursday, June 9th. Details will be published later.

On Friday evening there is to be a whist party, at the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, in charge of Mrs. Al Riley and her committee, for the parish fund. The subscription is 50 cents, and there are prizes galore.

Saturday is the Vigil of the Pentecost. It is a partial fast and abstinence day. Meat may be eaten once.

Banns I. Joseph DelChecollo and Catherine McLaughlin.

Remember in your prayers all who are ill, and infirm, also Anthony Blake, Frank Nazoroth, Elizabeth Carmitros, Bridget and John Sheehan, William Tattersall, William Griffin, Stephen Pilcher and Beatrice Jarmacuzack.


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**Thursday:**
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Cookies and Milk
**Friday:**
Egg Salad Roll
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**ROBERT TUFTS IN FAR EAST**

Robert F. Tufts, A/3c USAF, has been sent to the Far East, with the US Air Force. Tufts, who lives at 851 Main Street, joined the Air Force last December.

His latest address is Robert F. Tufts, A/3c USAF, Hq. Sqdn, Air Base Group, APO '39, San Francisco, Calif.

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**Sunday Masses:**
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**Weekday Masses:**
7 and 7:45.
**Baptisms:**
In the Rectory at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

First Communion Classes are on Monday and Wednesday at 3:15 p.m., and on Saturday at 10 a.m. The children will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday at the 8:15 Mass.

Fathers and Sons Communion Breakfast on June 12th.

There is to be an Eucharistic Rally, in Stoneham, on June 9th, in which the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas will take part. Fathers and sons of the Parish are invited to this outdoor Mass and Corpus Christi Procession, which is offered for the sanctification of our families and the safeguarding of the virtue of our youth.

Sat. is the Vigil of Pena fast day and partialtecost, abstinence. Meat may be eaten at one meal.

Next Sunday is the Annual Collection for the Seminary, as requested in Archbishop Cushing's letter, which follows in part:

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

I appeal to you, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Pentecost, to do your part to meet this crisis. Pray for vocations; encourage vocations.

To provide and to maintain facilities for the training of future priests necessitate a vast expenditure of money. The enrollment of Seminarians at St. John's in Brighton now exceeds 500. More than 125 Seminarians are studying at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary. Only once a year is an appeal made for funds for the support of our Seminaries. You have always responded generously to that appeal. For your contributions in the past I am truly grateful; I earnestly solicit your help in the Collection for the Seminaries, which is to be taken up on Pentecost Sunday, May 29.

May the Divine High Priest bless all of you now and forever.

Devotedly yours in Christ
Richard J. Cushing
Archbishop of Boston

The May Procession, next Sunday at 2:00 for all of the children of the parish. A concert and drill exhibition will be held on the Common after the procession by four Gate of Heaven CYO Bands from South Boston, numbering 192 members.

On Saturday, June 4th, from 4 to 7 p.m. there is to be a weenie roast on the Provenzano Estate on West Street, sponsored by the Bazaar Committee of the St. Thomas Parish Fund.

Banns I: Joseph DelChecollo and Catherine McLaughlin.

Remember in your prayers our sick and deceased parishioners, and Sadie Babine, Thomas C. Cryan, Annie, Martin & Anthony Waisnor, Adele Diamont, Joseph and Martin Borzas, for whom there will be an Anniversary High Requiem Mass on Saturday, at 7:45 a.m., and for Dennis J. Herra, for whom there will be a Mass of the Angels on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**3rd IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT LEGION HALL**

The third Immunization Clinic will be held on Tuesday, May 31, at the American Legion Hall, Middlesex Avenue, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All children who have received one or two injections are required to return at this time. A make-up clinic will be held at a later date in order to complete the series for any child who has missed one of the regular clinic injections.

Speeding on U.S. streets and highways injured 659,000 men, women and children.

**DONALD TARBELL TO ARRIVE IN U.S. THIS WEEKEND**

Donald C. Tarbell, Jr., Radioman First Class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tarbell of 53 Burnap Street, and husband of Mrs. Donald C. Tarbell, Jr., is scheduled to arrive at Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday, on board the USS Monrovia.

The Monrovia is an attack transport, a part of Amphibious Squadron 6, which is returning from the Mediterranean, after completing a 6 month tour of duty with the US Sixth Fleet. During its tour it took part in the NATO operation "Red Strident I" held in Saros Bay, Turkey, in March. Participating were major elements of the 6th Fleet, troops of the 6th Marines, 3rd Battalion, units of the Royal Air Force, and Armed Forces of the Republic of Turkey.

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**THE STATES DIG DEEPER**

This is a legislative year for 46 of the 48 states, Kentucky and Virginia being the only exceptions. In 12 of those states, the Tax Foundation reports, the governors asked for new taxes, and in 29 they asked for boosts in existing taxes. In all parts of the country, the state levies are going up on property, corporations, individual incomes, gasoline, and so on down the list.

In the fiscal year which will end this coming June, the states will collect over $12,000,000,000- -more than double the 1946 figure. The total for the next fiscal year will be substantially greater.

These are matters of fact. And they add up to one thing- -that we must demand economy on the local level as well as in Washington, D. C. The moderate tax reductions made by the federal government last year are being largely offset by mushrooming local taxes.

There are 633 approved cancer clinics in the United States. Twice the number are needed, the American Cancer Society states. Contributing to the ACS Crusade will help provide them.

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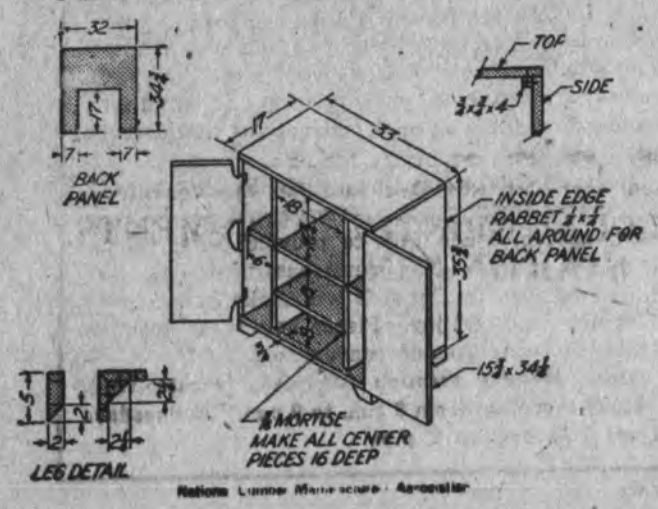
Add the top, using glue and wood blocks as shown. Fasten the back panel in place with ¾-inch screws.

Assemble the legs as shown and attach to each corner with glue and screws, counterbored. Mount doors with recessed butt hinges. Detail of panel fronts for the tuner and amplifier will depend upon the location of control knobs. Mount the record player on roller drawer rails.




### LOCAL MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN EUCHARISTIC RALLY IN STONEHAM

The men of the Holy Name Societies of the Woburn area, under the presidency of William J. Croughwell, of 22 Ravine Rd., Winchester, will sponsor a public display of Catholic faith in the form of a Eucharistic Rally in Stoneham.

The Rally will take place at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 9th.

The Rally was occasioned by the selection of the day on which the feast of Corpus Christi falls.

This will consist of an evening Mass and procession with the priests, altar boys and delegates from each of the 18 parishes in the Woburn area which involves the towns of Bedford, Burlington, Concord, West Concord, Lexington, Melrose, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn and Stoneham.

All men and boys in this district are expected to unite with the Holy Name Societies in this great display of faith. It is expected that many fathers will be present with their sons.

Since there is such great anxiety over the welfare of our youth in these perplexing days the emphasis, therefore, of the Rally will be "The Holy Eucharist, the Greatest Force in the Safeguarding of our Catholic Youth".

The Rev. Fr. Edmund W. Croke, Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, in Wilmington, and the Spiritual Director of the Woburn District Holy Name Society, speaks of the Holy Eucharist as being an antidote to counteract the moral disease to which we are frequently exposed today.

The interest in this Rally extends beyond the Woburn area as evidenced by the attendance of St. Joseph's Band, of Medford, which is contributing the musical portion of the program.

President Arthur Harper of St. Thomas' Holy Name Society feels that the honor of the Parish will be at stake since Fr. Croke is Spiritual Director for the whole Woburn Area. He urges every man in the Parish to make it a point to attend this rally. Special busses will run from Villanova Hall to avoid parking problems. The far will be 75 cents for men and 50 cents for students.

### "Power, Power, Power!"

The Portland Oregonian recently printed a letter from a reader which said, in part: "Isn't there some way you can divert the activities of our 'lust for power' senators away from my piddling little $5 per month electric bill? . . . .Power, power, power! they are nuts over power which means nothing to the average citizen's problems."

Millions of other people must feel a similar irritation and frustration at all the political talk concerning electric power developments and charges. For electricity is one of the smallest items in family budget. It costs less now than it did in the pre-war era—which is something that can be said of exceedingly few goods or services. As a household servant it is unmatched—for a few dollars a month it saves countless hours of labor and provides a myriad of conveniences. With a few exceptions, its cost is also one of the smallest items in the operating expense of business.

The writer to the Oregonian added that he'd appreciate a lift" on his $60 a month U. S. income tax bill.

So would all the rest of us. And the ironical fact is that socialized power development, undertaken by the government, has made higher taxes inevitable. The projects are built with tax money and subsequently subsidized with tax money. In addition they are wholly or largely tax-free and prevent collection of the heavy taxes that would be paid if private enterprise were carrying on the operations.

The power is primarily political - - not economic.

This is the fourth of a series of articles presented by the local Navy Recruiter, the Post Office, Lowell. It is hoped that this information will assist the General Public in getting to know the Navy Ratings & at the same time explain some of the duties performed by Naval personnel. The rating shown and explained below is "Aviation Ordnance".

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Here we have Creamy Potato Salad, Vienna sausage and alternate slices of cheese and canned ham on the tempting platter. Other keep-on-hand choices may be canned luncheon meat, corned beef and sardines. Toasted hard rolls, iced tea, and melon for dessert would complete the menu.

**Creamy Potato Salad**

- ⅔ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 cans (16 oz. each) white potatoes
- 3 hard cooked eggs
- ¾ cup chopped ripe olives
- 2 tablespoons pimiento strips
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 small onion
- Seasoned salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Combine mayonnaise and mustard; add drained potatoes, cut in cubes Chill 2 to 3 hours to blend flavors. Add coarsely cut eggs, olives, pimiento, celery and diced onion. Season to taste. Chill. Serve on crisp greens. Six generous servings.

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WOMEN AND WHEELS

# Car Air Conditioning Growing in Popularity

By Mary Lou Chapman

Have you ever walked to your car on a steaming hot day, hoping for a cool breeze once you started off, only to open the door and find that it was so hot inside you could bake a cake on the seat?

It has happened to almost everyone, and this experience, along with the fact that today's air conditioning units for automobiles are becoming less expensive, explains the amazing upswing in demand in the last two years.

Miss Chapman

Southern States used to account for the greatest volume in sales of air conditioning systems, but today many sales are being made in Northern states as well.

You can now find a cooling unit for almost every car made. The deluxe units draw fresh air into the car from the outside, and smoke and stale air are drawn out. The less expensive units recirculate the air that is already in the car.

Some deluxe units can reduce the temperature inside a car from 115 degrees to approximately 80 degrees in two minutes while you drive 25 miles an hour. And in five minutes, you can take the temperature down even further if you desire. Even with the engine idling, the unit cools the car effectively. You can set the controls to virtually any temperature you wish.

Other units, which use en recirculated air (no outs introduced), are less exp than the deluxe models, but approximately the same coolin capacity.

Inside the car, vents for the cooled air are located on the rear seat package-shelf in some designs, so that the cool air circulates through the entire car. Some cars have tiny in...duct ducts, similar to those found in airplanes, which can direct coo air at the passenger. And others have ducts on the instrument panel for this purpose.

Air conditioning also is designed to dehumidify the air, so that if you live in an area that has the damp kind of heat, this would be particularly welcome.

With hot summer coming on, don't overlook air conditioning for your new car. It certainly gives you cool comfort in the blazing summer sun.

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*(Fashion writer, artist, and TV personality, Miss Chapman is a native of Detroit and has spent the last several years working with automobile stylists, designers and engineers at Chrysler Corporation.)*


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### SPEEDER FINED $10

Mrs. Gladys Sullivan, Chelmsford, was fined $10, in Woburn Court, on May 19th., when she pled guilty to a speeding charge, preferred by Officer Dolan, of the Wilmington police.

Handy Jim's FIXIN-UP TIPS For the Home

### Labor-Saving Siding

NEW on the market is a revolutionary kind of siding that is much faster to apply than conventional siding. In addition, it comes in popular wide sizes, 10" or 12", at no premium in cost.

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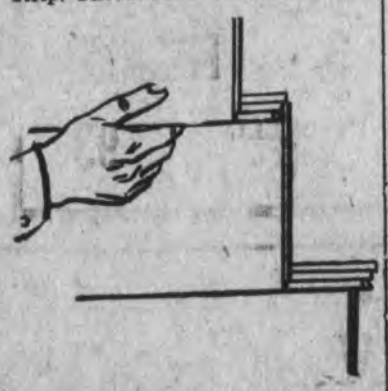

Field tests have shown that this combination permits carpenters to install Shadowvent Siding with substantial savings in application time. The siding and the aluminum strips are sold together at lumber yards.

The new quarter-inch siding is primed on the surface and bottom edge, and a clear sealer has been applied to the back. The combination of the long-lasting, smooth surfaced Tempered Presdwood and the prime coat provides an exceptionally fine surface for top coats and assures a long-lived paint job.

### NICHOLS STREET FENCE DOWN

The fence guarding Nichols Street, on the approach to the railroad bridge, was knocked down, including 3 posts, at 12:15 a.m. Saturday morning.

Owner of the car that was stated to have caused the accident by the Wilmington Police was Norman E. Bowle, of Nuttings Lake, Billerica.

### AUTO ACCIDENT AT PERRY'S CORNER

A Chevrolet car owned and operated by Mrs. Florence M. Field of Andover Road, Billerica suffered light damage on the front of the car, as the result of an accident at the corner of Lowell Street and Woburn Street, last Wednesday afternoon. It was in a collision with a car belonging to Charles H. Angell, 86 Birch Street, Lynn. There were no injuries reported.

### CHILD BITTEN BY DOG

Five stitches were required, to sew the arm of Donna Friedman, 5 year old girl, of 665 Lowell Street, Lynnfield Center, after she had been bitten by a dog, on Wing Road, last Wednesday afternoon.

### VANDALISM TO WILMINGTON CAR

Vandals, Sunday evening, caused damage to the car of Allen J. Hancock, of Duton Road, which was parked on Middlesex Avenue. The side mirror was broken, an outside horn busted, the cap stolen from the gas tank, and the intake for the gas tank ripped off.


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### ACCIDENT AT FARM BRIDGE

Mrs. Wilma E. Aberle, 11 Washingon Street told the Wilmington police that she had been run off the road, in an effort to avoid a collision, on May 19th at the Town Farm Bridge, near the Wilmington Memorial Park. The other car was identified by the Wilmington police as belonging to a Nashua, N.H. man.

Handy Jim's FIXIN-UP TIPS For the Home

### Pigeonholes for Hats

A HANDY pigeonhole file for men's and boys' hats and caps, women's small hats, gloves and purses can be placed on the closet shelf. This collection of separate compartments is simply constructed like the dividers in an egg-crate.

Use sheets of long-wearing Masonite one-eighth inch Presdwood that's smooth on both sides. It may be obtained at any lumber yard. Cut slots with a power saw

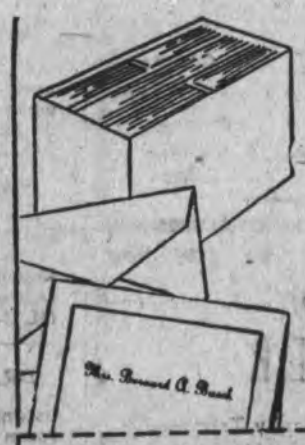
the thickness of the boards so they will fit together at right angles.

A good width for each compartment is 13 inches. The height may be varied, depending on the closet.

This pigeonhole storage rack should be made to fit the available space quite snugly, so that it will be steady. Slots for the "legs" may be cut into the wood shelf as an additional bracer.

## HIGH-ALTITUDE MAINTENANCE

Perched high above the ground, two aircraft technicians work on a powerful engine of a MATS Douglas C-124 Globemaster II. To explain the training of these and other skilled technicians and specialists to June high school graduates, the Air Force has released two new booklets, "You'll Go Places Faster" and "The Indispensable Man — the Aircraft Technician," available free of charge at all U. S. Air Force recruiting stations.

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**BREAKS IN COLUMBIA ROAD SECTION**

Wilmington Police are investigating two cases in which window screens were cut, in the Columbia road section, off Hopkins Steet.

The Goodwin home, at the corner of Dorchester Avenue, had a screen cut, in the back of the house, and apparent attempts made to set fire to a curtain there.

A camp, identified as being owned by a Mills family, on Columbia Road, was broken into, by vandals who cut the screen of a front window. Nothing was taken, according to the Wilmington police.

Both crimes were discovered Sunday morning.

**Toys in Science Classes**

Take a facial tissue and stroke a transparent plastic box containing two miniture figures, and they'll move. Stroking the box produced static electricity and a small current which caused the figures inside to move.

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A Hunter College prof believes toys are a "natural to arouse interest and secure attention in illustrating basic scientific principles, and has devised over a hundred ways of illustrating them by use of toys from the 5-and-10. So pretty soon we can expect that all elementary school pupils will get a bunch of toys as well as textbooks when they go to school.

**Davy Crockett on Spelling**

By now about everyone knows that Davy Crockett made sure he was right and then went ahead. But the real secret of his popularity showed up the other day in James Reston's column in the New York Times. It seems that Davy held that proper spelling was "contrary to nature, and that grammar "was nothing at all, despite the fuss that is made about it."

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**Leisuretime Use and Trouble**

What every parent knows is confirmed by a visiting German psychiatrist, guest of the State Department, a Dr. Jechler. Failure to make productive use of leisure time, is a key, says he. It's a sing of trouble ahead. It applies to adults, too, who may have the habit of too much TV. Pursuits in which you can take an active role are productive ones. In speaking of the "safe and sane family life" he observed in America, he continued "these youths know how to handle their leisure time." Parents who can direct their childrens use of leisure time will keep a safe and sane family life. And summer and vacation time is right ahead now.

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**TO APPEAR ON TV SUNDAY**

Miss Lucille Arlene Keener, pretty and talented daughter of Mr .and Mrs. Ernest Keener, 1 John Street, is to perform on the Community Opticians - Gene Jones show, this coming Sunday, Lucille, who graduates from Wilmington High School next month, has been for the past two years the leader of the Majorettes, in the High School. This will not be her first appearance on TV, as she has previously appeared on the Ted Mack program, in New York City.

Wilmington fans will undoubtedly be rooting for Lucille, when she appears, Sunday, and it has been pointed out that the best way to assist her is by sending in votes, if the fans approve. The person with the largest number of votes will be the winner.

Lucille is planning to complete her studies, after graduation from Wilmington Conservatory of Music.

**TOWN BEACH OPENS JUNE 1ST**

Wilmington's Town Beach, at Silver Lake is to reopen on June 1st. Already in use, by trespassers, the beach will not be declared open until such time as the Recreation Commission will be able to operate it safely.

Danny Boylen, of Williams Avenue, one-time Swimming Instructor for the US Army Far Eastern Command, will be the Head Life Guard, at the beach this year. Boylen, in addition to his Army experience, has been an MDC lifeguard, at the Winchester beach, and is now on the swimming team, at Boston University.

The Recreation Commission has stated that there will be two lifeguards on duty, at all times, this summer, although the second guard has not yet been chosen. A third guard will be employed on weekends.

The beach season will end on Sept. 7th.

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